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**Massachusetts Convention Center Authority Call for Dorchester Artists**

*Chosen artists will have their work displayed in the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center*

James E. Rooney, executive director of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, encourages Dorchester artists to enter their work in the MCCA's next Boston Neighborhood Art Exhibition.

This fall, the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center continues its rotating art exhibition schedule with a Dorchester Art Showcase featuring artists who live and work in the Dorchester community.

The MCCA is seeking 25 to 30 pieces of art for the exhibit. Mediums include watercolor paintings, oil paintings, large format photography and "mixed media compositions." The chosen pieces will fill an open-air space on Level Two of the BCEC's Northeast Lounge. Artists of all levels are urged to submit their work. The work will be chosen based on strong visual impact, the use of color, technique, subject matter and size.

The criteria that must be met are:

1. All art must be at least 30-inches high OR 30-inches wide (not including mat and frame)
2. All art must be wired securely across the back for safe hanging
3. Framing is not necessary, but simple metal or wood frames are fine
4. Ornate carved wood frames, gold guild or stained frames will not be accepted
5. A body of smaller work, presented as a group on a finished board, is acceptable.
6. Art cannot weigh more than 25 pounds

Artists must submit four to six digital photographs of their work by Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, to Sue Merritt ([suemerritt@comcast.net](mailto:suemerritt@comcast.net)). The photographs should include title, image dimension and medium.

Artists will be notified Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009. Chosen artists will be invited to an opening reception at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

**About the MCCA Art Program:**

The MCCA Art Program began in 2005, one year after the grand opening of the new Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC). Throughout the past four years, the MCCA has developed a well-rounded art program schedule, which allows artists of all levels to participate. This program raises cultural awareness and community support for the arts. The Boston Neighborhood Art Show features artists from local Boston communities. This program embraces the diversity of Massachusetts' art communities, allowing local artists to get their work exposed to the thousands of guests that visit the BCEC and the Hynes Convention Center.

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