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Call for Art:

Artwork by Artists with Disabilities Sought for Statewide Exhibits

BRUNSWICK, ME -- *VSA arts of Maine* is accepting submissions for **A Matter of Perception 2010**, a biennial exhibition that showcases the work and creativity of Maine artists with disabilities. *VSA Arts of Maine* is seeking original, quality work by Maine artists representing a variety of skill levels and mediums. Artists may submit up to two pieces to **A Matter of Perception 2010**. Deadline for submission is January 15, 2010. Information and an entry form can be obtained at the VSA arts of Maine office at 11 Pleasant St., Brunswick, or downloaded from www.vsartsmaine.org/artprograms. (Alternative formats for this Call for Art are available upon request.)

A Matter of Perception 2010 demonstrates that physical, cognitive or other disabilities do not limit talent or creativity. VSA arts of Maine's goal is to provide exhibition opportunities throughout Maine for artists with disabilities — promoting the work of these artists and enhancing public awareness of disability issues. Alan

Crichton, Artistic Director of Waterfall Arts, says about **A Matter of Perception**:

"What ties these artists together finally is not a set of disabilities at all, but the power, spirit and beauty of their work." In conjunction with the exhibits, *VSA arts of Maine* will host a variety of events including opening receptions, children's art-making, artist panel discussions, workshops and gallery talks.

For more information please contact the Matter of Perception Curator at 207-607-4016 (voice/tty) or at daughtry@vsartsmaine.org.

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About VSA arts of Maine

VSA arts of Maine is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing innovative and inclusive arts, educational and cultural opportunities for children and adults with disabilities in Maine. Programs include artist residencies in schools, workshops for teachers and artists, mentoring for adult artists with disabilities, exhibitions by artists with disabilities, and partnerships with cultural venues throughout the state to improve accessibility.

VSA arts of Maine is part of the VSA arts international network, dedicated to promoting education and lifelong learning opportunities in the arts for people with disabilities. Founded in 1974 by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, VSA arts is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Formerly named Very Special Arts, VSA arts changed its name in 1999, eliminating the use of the word "special" in a move designed to put the focus on the artists' work, rather than on their limitations.