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ArtVan Announces Teen Art Show at the Heart of Biddeford

BIDDEFORD, ME – *ArtVan*, a program of *VSA arts of Maine*, announces the opening of "**The Artists are Among Us,**" an exhibit featuring the art of the Biddeford teen group, *Joyful Taggers*. The show is on display at the "Heart of Biddeford" located at 205 Main St., Biddeford.

There will be two receptions for the show, both in conjunction with the Biddeford ArtWalk on Friday, April 30th from 5-8pm and on Friday, May 28, from 5-8pm. Both receptions will feature art-making by ArtVan and an opportunity to meet the artists. Hip Hop dancers from ArtVan's Perryman Village program in Brunswick will perform at 7:30pm at the closing reception, May 28th.

General viewing hours for the show: Monday through Friday, 12 noon to 2pm. (Hours are subject to change, so please call Heart of Biddeford at 284-5820 for updated info.)

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About ArtVan

ArtVan is a mobile arts therapy program. Our mission is to provide low-income children, teens and adults opportunities for artistic expression; using the arts as a healing agent for safe, creative expression and self discovery. We are a program of VSA arts of Maine

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, apprenticeships for and exhibitions by adult artists with disabilities, and partnerships with cultural venues throughout the state to improve accessibility. For more information, see www.vsartsmaine.org. **VSA arts of Maine** is currently in the process of merging with **ArtVan**.