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OPEN STUDIOS

Saturday, April 17, 2010 12 pm -5pm

Sunday, April 18, 2010 12pm - 5pm

“Outside Learning: A Collection of Children’s Art Inspired by Nature” to be Showcased During This Year's OPEN STUDIOS Weekend

Location: YOHO CENTER FOR THE ARTS
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Yonkers, NY – During this year's 7th Annual YOHO Artists Association OPEN STUDIOS weekend Saturday, April 17th and Sunday, April 18th, will feature nature-inspired artwork created by local school children. Called “Outside Learning: A Collection of Children’s Art Inspired by Nature,” the exhibit features a collection of artwork by school children from The AmPark Neighborhood School (P.S. 344). Students four to ten years old produced pastel paintings for Earth Day, expressing connections with the natural world. As evident by the individual pieces, each child’s curiosity, imagination and creativity is nurtured on an ongoing basis through the arts at AmPark.

Selected artwork from Outside Learning will be available for sale. All proceeds will go to directly back to the school, and used to celebrate the students’ achievements at the school. AmPark believes getting children outside regularly adds excitement and context to the learning process. These experiences are honored as a critical component of the overall school experience, alongside the development of the whole child—mind, body and spirit. The school regularly conducts fundraisers, not only for its own schoolchildren but also for others. Substantial funds have been raised for charities and most recently the Haitian community.

The AmPark Neighborhood School (P.S. 344) is a small progressive New York City public school in the Bronx. Committed to building relationships with other communities both locally and globally, the AmPark community promotes peace; understanding between diverse cultures and the acceptance of differences through the arts. AmPark students currently are proudly working with S’Cool Music, participating in a global musical offering with students in the Kibera slums of Kenya, as well as local students from the Fieldston School of Ethical Culture. This collaboration is yet another project that exemplifies the values that AmPark imparts to its students.

The YOHO Artists Association is a collective of 55 artists and craftsmen, including painters, sculptors, etchers, jewelers, photographers, illustrators, assemblage artists, musicians and more. Since it’s redesignation as the YOHO Center of the Arts in 2009, YOHO has hosted several Gallery Nite arts receptions. Patterned after popular gallery receptions in Chelsea, the Gallery Nite events focus on arts-related networking within an art-filled open studio-like environment. The next Gallery Nite event is scheduled for Friday June 4, 2010 from 6 PM to 8 PM. Nearly 100 art lovers attended our last Gallery Nite Event.

ARTISTS PARTICIPATING ARTISTS IN THIS YEAR'S OPEN STUDIOS INCLUDE: Nicole Been, Tom Blake, Ervin Vincent T. Chandler, Dakota Christianson, Elizabeth Debethune, RJ Dibenedetto, David Fischweicher, Ginny Fox, Michelle Frick, Ruth M Gilbert. Kevin Gordon, Marko Gosar, George Gutierrez, Joe Hanerfeld, Barbara King, Noelle Knight, Catherine J. Latson, Diane Mitchell, Joel Neff, Steve A. Nunez, Daniel Ortiz, Amy Pasco, Victor Rothman, Adam Shultz, Paulo Suzuki, Dean Tomasula, Laurie Vigoda, Eli Benjamin Yamin, Deborah Yasinsky.