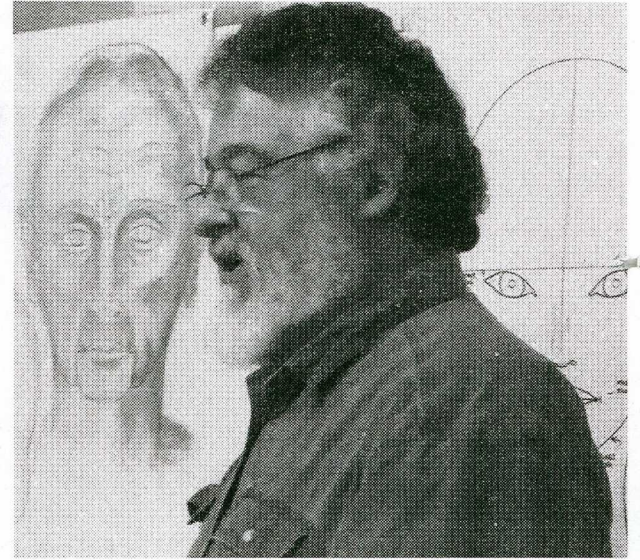


NOTES FROM THE FIELD

ARTIST RON MINEO TEACHES MT. VERNON TEENS

Through a federal grant, ArtsWestchester, and the Mount Vernon School District, are helping 21 arts teachers learn, acquire and utilize creative skills and innovative teaching strategies for teaching core curricula more effectively. Art Westchester Roster artists are providing professional development to help the art teachers integrate the science, math and ELA curricula into the art classroom. The program also offers experiences for the art teachers and students to learn a variety of exciting media and artistic processes. This semester, art teacher, Ellen Hanney of Nelson Mandela High School is working

with ArtsWestchester Roster Artist Ron Mineo. For six weeks, Mineo, a sculptor, potter and mixed media artist, will be conducting a residency with Ms. Hanney's 9th-12th grade classes in the medium of ceramics. Approximately 30 students are linking art to math and science by learning about anatomy, scale, measuring and human expression and experimenting with the various techniques of ceramics. Ms. Hanney will continue the program later in the spring with artist Jeffrey Schrier creating a recyclable art installation at the school with recycled plastic bottles.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Cultural Post at White House

(by Robin Pogrebin for the *New York Times*, March 13, 2009; compiled by Patrick Healy) President Barack Obama has established a staff position in the White House to oversee arts and culture in the Office of Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs under Valerie Jarrett, a senior adviser, a White House official confirmed. Kareem Dale, a lawyer who last month was named special assistant to the president for disability policy, will hold the new position. Mr. Dale, who is partly blind, previously served as national disability director for the Obama campaign. He also served on the arts policy committee and the disability policy committee for Mr. Obama when he was a senator from Illinois. William "Bill" Ivey, who served as the administration's transition-team leader for the arts and humanities, said he was encouraged by the appointment and would meet with Mr. Dale next week. "It's a big step forward in terms of connecting cultural and government with mainstream administration policy," Mr. Ivey said in an interview on Friday. The White House declined to describe the position in detail, since Mr. Dale's appointment has yet to be formally announced. Mr. Ivey, a former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, said he expected that

the job would mainly involve coordinating the activities of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services "in relation to White House objectives." Although there have been staff members assigned to culture under past presidents, they usually served in the first lady's office, Mr. Ivey said.

6th Annual YOHO Artists Open Studio. Yonkers' artists at YOHO are having their 6th Annual Open Studio on Saturday and Sunday April 18 thru 19. The event will take place from noon to 5pm, it is free and open to public.

Come and experience what's going on artistically in Yonkers! Open Studios gives visitors an opportunity to meet and interact directly with the artists. Various disciplines will be on display including Paintings, Works on Paper, Sculptures, Multimedia, Pastels, Photography, Jewelry, Assemblage and more! Join these artists with your family and friends for a relaxing and entertaining afternoon at the YOHO Artist Lofts on Nepperhan Avenue in Yonkers, NY - the up and coming SOHO of Yonkers! YOHO is an organization of Yonkers-based artists that maintain studios in renovated loft spaces within the former Alexander Smith Carpet Mills build-

ings on Nepperhan Avenue. Over the years, artists have been drawn to these affordable yet spacious work lofts for their high ceilings and abundant light and now, their critical mass represents not only the epicenter of the arts within Yonkers but strives to be the gateway to the arts for lower Westchester in the coming years.

For more event information, map, driving directions or to see the artists and their works online, visit: www.YOHOartists.com

Paramount Executive Director Jon Yanofsky Moves On. Jon Yanofsky, Executive Director of Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill, NY since June 2003, has formally announced he will be stepping down to accept the position of Director of Marketing at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City, effective May 2, 2009.

Paramount Board President Teri Waivada, in announcing the departure of Mr. Yanofsky, said, "Jon has done an outstanding job as our Executive Director. Over the last six years, Jon has effectively guided the theater's day-to-day operations, and in close collaboration with the Board developed and implemented policies that have led to unprecedented growth in every aspect of our operation.

Moving to Jazz at Lincoln Center is an extraordinary opportunity for Jon and we wholeheartedly wish him well as he takes on the challenges of his new position." Ms. Waivada advised that the Paramount Board has already begun a search for Mr. Yanofsky's replacement. A transition plan is in place with Patricia Braja, Paramount's Director of Development as Interim Executive Director.

Said Yanofsky, "Leaving the Paramount was a very difficult decision for me. This wonderful theater has been my home and passion for the last six years and working with the Board and staff has been a most gratifying experience. I am deeply proud of the work we have done together and the progress we have made."

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