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HVCCA announces 4th annual public arts festival “The Peekskill Project”

Opening Weekend: Saturday September 13th and Sunday September 14th, 2008

Peekskill NY — The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art will launch the 4th annual Peekskill Project, a citywide site-specific exhibition of cutting-edge contemporary art, beginning the weekend of September 13 - 14, 2008 from 12-6pm. Selected works will be on display weekends until November 23, 2008. The public arts festival presents a wide variety of painting, sculpture, photography, installations, video and performance art by national and international artists selected by a committee of renowned curators.

This year's edition will feature fifty-five artists who concentrate on the dualistic nature of our relationship to the earth. This exhibition will focus on indoor and outdoor site-specific works which use environmental and organic based materials in order to communicate this tumultuous marriage between humans and their habitat. Using Peekskill as a stage, artwork will be sited throughout the city. The project utilizes Peekskill's train station and waterfronts, Annsville Park, St. Mary's, St. Peter's Church of Cortland, Clemente, 3 & CO, The Hat Factory, Maxwell Fine Arts, and Peekskill's historic commercial district, as well as the HVCCA.

The Peekskill Project has become an anticipated annual event, attracting thousands of visitors each year as it offers children and adults alike the opportunity to explore Peekskill's social, cultural and geographic history. The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art launched the project with the goal of bringing contemporary art out of the museum and into the community. “Contemporary art can challenge, inspire and inform. It shouldn't be confined to just museums and galleries. By bringing art to where the people live their daily lives, we hope to connect with as wide an audience as possible.” (Livia Straus, President and co-founder of the Hudson Valley Center of Contemporary Art.)

The Peekskill Project is open to the public, free of charge, beginning the weekend of September 13-14 with selected artwork on display through November 23. Free trolley service will be provided by the City of Peekskill for the duration of the opening weekend to and from exhibition sites. Festival maps will be available at numerous locations.

The Peekskill Project was made possible with the support of the Westchester Arts Council. Additional support from the City of Peekskill, Ginsburg Development Corporation, Peekskill Business Improvement District, Peekskill Arts Council, local residents and businesses throughout the city. Special thanks to all the participating artists and curators.

Participating curators include:

Ombretta Agro'Andruff, Evonne M. Davis and Emma Wilcox from Gallery Aferro, Michael Foley from Foley Gallery, Priska Juschka from Priska C. Juschka Fine Art, Kelly Lindner from George Adams Gallery , Michael Anthony Natiello from Collaborative Concepts, Joyce Manalo from ArtForward, Thomas Werner from Parsons The New School of Design, and Livia Straus from the HVCCA.

Participating artists:

Anna Adler, Emil Alzamora, Daniel Aquino, Elena Bajo, Brandan Ballengée, Karen Beall, Al Bersch & Leslie Grant, Gail Biederman, Jo Ann Brody, Ryan Brown, Charles Butterly, Stefano Cagol, Alana Celii & Grant Willing, Meng-Yeh Chou, Zachary Clement, Andrea Cote, Lorenz Estermann, Deborah Fisher, Asha Ganpat, Johannes Girardoni, Alexander Harrington & Alison Wermager, Joan Harmon, Sarah Haviland, Vandana Jain, Carla Rae Johnson, Marya Kazoun with Christian Minotto & Andrea Busetto, keegan & nick, Yael Kanarek, Christopher Lee Kennedy, Miwa Koizumi, Grace Knowlton, Cal Lane, Liz Magic Laser, Stephanie Lempert, Eva Mantell, Maslen/Mehra, Almagul Menlibayeva, Tony Moore, Joel Morrison, Angelo Musco, Michael Anthony Natiello, Gene Panczenko, Michael Peterson & Jade Townsend , Carolyn Salas & Adam Parker Smith, Rosalind Schneider, Ryan Schroeder, Gregg Segal, Pamela Phatismo Sunstrum, James Tatum, The Artist's Collective, The Cathouse Associates, Ted Victoria, Aki Warren, Andrew Wilkinson, and Brian Wondergem.

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

Hudson Valley Center of Contemporary Art
1701 Main Street
Peekskill, NY 10566

Hours:

September 13-14 from noon until 6 PM

Selected works on view by appointment only after opening weekend until November 23rd, 2008

To schedule an appointment and further information please contact:

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