



# DELAVAN ART GALLERY

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ART SHOW BY BLODGETT & SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS DUE NEXT IN WILD CARD SPACE AT DELAVAN ART GALLERY**

**Syracuse NY, February 15, 2010** – The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Show featuring students' works from Blodgett Pre-K – 8 elementary and Seymour Dual Language Academy schools is due to open March 4 in the Wild Card space at Delavan Art Gallery with a reception that afternoon from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The exhibit is on view through March 13, 2010.

For the past six years, this students' art exhibit has proven to be a win-win happening that celebrates young people's talent, motivates parent involvement, delights the general public and strengthens the arts programs at both schools through sale of the works displayed. The basis for such success evolves from collaboration among Blodgett and Seymour school art teachers - Stacy Griffin, Kristin Dugger, and Kelly Moser-Vogler - and gallery director and manager, Bill Delavan and Caroline Szozda-McGowan. While Bill Delavan has always donated art supplies to these two neighborhood schools, he is especially pleased to offer gallery space for the Blodgett and Seymour special exhibit that defines awareness to each school's program emphasis on the arts.

Gallery Manager Caroline Szozda-McGowan says she is delighted to 'hang' this show of students' works that covers a spectrum of different mediums including prints, clay, glass, collage, painting, hand-made journals and portraiture in finished dimensional pieces showcasing elephants, owls, fish, peacocks, ducks, pigs, Kokopelli's, Aztec Gods, Mehendi Hands and Rangoli. Art works are priced between \$10 - \$30 with half of the sale going to the student and half to their art teacher for supplies. However, more importantly, art teachers agree that the real benefit of the show is in the prestige students experience in having their works displayed in a professional gallery where the encouragement fostered there furthers appreciation of the arts for students and their families alike.

The children's art display shares Delavan space with the gallery's featured exhibition, "Art: 2003 – 2009" that focuses on new works by some of the artists previously shown there. That show was mounted in mid-January and has been extended through March 27 because of its popularity and potential to highlight current works by some more of the 200 artists aligned with Delavan Art Gallery since the beginning.

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Delavan Art Gallery is a 3,800 square foot showcase and sales venue for fine art created by area artists. Conveniently located in downtown Syracuse at 501 West Fayette St., just a block beyond Armory Square, the gallery is free and open to the public. Off-street parking is available and the gallery is handicapped accessible. Regular Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from noon – 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, and at other times by appointment.

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#### **QUICK DETAILS FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS**

##### **Exhibits**

###### **Feature Exhibit**

“Art: 2003 – 2009”

A selection of new works by some of the many artists shown at Delavan Art Gallery

Through March 27, 2010

Closing Reception: March 18, Th3, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

###### **Wild Card Exhibits**

“Blodgett and Seymour Benefit Art Show”

An exhibit by both schools’ elementary students to help raise funds for their art programs

March 4 – March 13, 2010

Reception: March 4, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

“CNY Scholastics Art Awards Show”

March 18 – March 27, 2010

Reception: Thursday, March 18, Th3, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm