Young Audiences Premieres Student Exhibit at Starlight Studio

WHAT: Young Audiences Visual Arts Projects
WHEN: On exhibit from April 30 through May 14, featuring a reception with the artists on May 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Gallery hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
WHERE: Starlight Studio and Art Gallery, 340 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

BUFFALO, NY (4/22/10) – Beginning April 30, Young Audiences of Western New York will showcase the art and imagination of young people as it premieres Young Audiences Visual Arts Projects at Starlight Studio and Art Gallery in Buffalo. The exhibition features projects created by students ages 6-18 participating in Young Audiences WNY artist residency programs throughout the region. A reception with the artists will be hosted on May 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., coinciding with Greater Allentown First Friday’s Gallery Tour.

Young Audiences WNY residency programs pair teaching artists with a classroom or after school program to provide students, their educators and families, with multi-disciplinary, multi-session education through the arts.

“Residencies provide a unique opportunity for schools to use the arts to engage students in core curriculum, helping young learners to explore their regular class subjects in extraordinary ways,” said Sunnylee Mowery, Arts & Education Director for Young Audiences WNY. “Interactions with professional teaching artists empower students to think as creative, problem-solving individuals.”

On view through May 14, the showcase includes works made at Compass House, Heritage Centers After School Program, Holland Elementary, Holley Elementary, and School 43 Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo. Projects on display include:

• Nature Mandalas, Prayer Flags, and Visual Rhythm Mural made with Jen Russo at Holland Elementary and Heritage Centers
• Memory Boxes created in a collaborative residency with Gerald Mead and poet, Sherry Robbins at Holland Elementary
• Pop-Up Poetry Books created in a collaborative residency with Kyoko Roszmann and poet, Sherry Robbins at Holland Elementary
• Biome Mural, a large scale collaborative project made with Kyoko Roszmann at Holley Elementary
• Creative Journals created with Tom Holt at School 43 Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo
• Mural for Civic Engagement, a large scale collaborative project made with Manya Fabiniak at School 43 Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo
• Wish Boxes created with Kris Crosson and poet Sherry Robbins at Compass House

Starlight Studio and Art Gallery is located at 392 Delaware Avenue and is open weekdays from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free. Visit www.yawny.org for further details about this event or if you are interested in bringing a visual arts residency to your school or after school program. Young Audiences visual arts residencies are available for as little as $184 per school visit.
ABOUT YOUNG AUDIENCES: Founded in 1962, Young Audiences WNY programming is designed around the fact that an arts-rich education provides a child with the ability to look beyond facts and figures; to creatively meet new challenges as they arise. Plus, the arts make learning fun. Introducing curriculum-supportive, arts-based learning provides a varied and compelling environment—engage even the most reluctant learners and give day-dreamers a classroom as rich as their imagination.