



# Young Audiences Western New York

## Young Audiences Hosts Exhibition of Local Artists in Offices

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Buffalo, NY – January 25, 2010– Young Audiences of Western New York is pleased to announce an exhibit in our offices of work by a select group of visual artists, “Local Artists at Young Audiences.” The works—about 18—are on loan to Young Audiences, and have been selected by and loaned to Young Audience’s Executive Director, Cynnie Gaasch.

Gaasch, who was named executive director in August 2009, is also an artist, curator and former art critic. She drew on her relationships with the artists—each of whose works she has either written about or included in a show she curated—to collect the works, which include paintings, prints, photography, and collage.

The ten artists are Errol Daniels, Ani Hoover, Dennis Maher, Gerald Mead, Julian Montague, Jean Michel Reed, Barbara Rowe, Caesandra Seawell, Alison Slein and Peter Sowiski.

Brief summaries of the artists’ work and their biographies may be found on the Young Audiences website at [www.yawny.org](http://www.yawny.org).

“I am honored that these artists are committed enough to the ideals of supporting arts in education at the non-profit level to generously loan their work to us on a long-term basis,” said Gaasch. “Having their works hanging in our offices is a constant and wonderful reminder of how important the arts are both to create and to experience in your life.”

Gerald Mead, who aside from being a working artist, is also one of the teaching artists on Young Audiences’ roster, art curator, teacher, and collector, said: “I welcome the chance to provide something for an environment that is so integral to creating opportunities for creativity for both students and teachers alike. The piece I have loaned was made after I participated in a Young Audiences summer training program for teaching artists. It is even more meaningful because it uses some of the components that came out of that experience.”

There will be a private event, in Young Audiences’ newly redecorated and brightly painted office: the **(Grand Re)Opening Reception**, will bring together the artists with major donors and Young Audience’s staff on Wednesday, February 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The exhibit will continue to be displayed at Young Audience’s office, located at 16 Linwood Avenue, at North Street. It will be free and open for the public to view, from **Thursday, February 11 through Wednesday, March 31, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Please call in advance.**

For more information, see [www.yawny.org](http://www.yawny.org), or call the offices at 881-0917.

Editor’s note: Hi-resolution images, and staff and artist interviews are available.

*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.*

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