



Embracing Our Differences Long Island

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## **Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding Invites Art Submissions for Third Annual “Embracing Our Differences” Outdoor Art Exhibition**

March 24, 2009 . . . The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding is hosting the third annual outdoor art exhibition in conjunction with Embracing Our Differences Month. Up to 39 works will be displayed outdoors on 16' x 12' billboards. Entitled ‘Embracing Our Differences – Long Island,’ previous exhibitions were seen by thousands of people, and inspired many educational activities from elementary grades through graduate school.

This year the exhibit will open on the grounds of the Long Island Museum at Stony Brook on September 26, and it will remain there until October 23. An exhibition is also planned for the Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn in spring 2010.

“This outdoor exhibition is building a community that accepts differences and respects human rights,” said Steven Schrier, Executive Director, Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding. “Our objective with this competition and exhibition is to stimulate members of our community to engage in a dialogue on how we can better appreciate the varied people, cultures and perspectives in our world.”

### **Call for Entries**

Artists are asked to submit their interpretations of the theme ‘Embracing Our Differences’ in the format detailed below.

Anyone living, working or going to school on Long Island is welcome to participate. Artists may submit up to three entries; however, no more than two images per artist will be chosen for display.

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Final selections will be chosen based on artistic excellence in interpreting and exploring the theme. Curators will be: Beth Levinthal, Director, Hofstra University Museum; William Ayers, Curator, Long Island Museum at Stony Brook; and Howardena Pindell, Professor of Art, Stony Brook University.

### **Submission Requirements**

Please visit [www.chdhu.org/eod](http://www.chdhu.org/eod) for complete instructions and downloadable forms

1. Send a CD/DVD with artwork saved in the following format: JPEG: 12-8/10 inches (12.8") wide x 8-8/10 inches (8.8") high (borders are acceptable), image saved at 300 D.P.I. or higher (for Mac & PC viewing). Print your name and artwork title clearly on the CD/DVD.
2. Mail CD/DVD and signed release form (available on the website – one for each artist involved in the development of the artwork) to:

CHDHU  
533 College Road  
Selden, NY 11784

**Submission deadline is May 22, 2009.** For more information, please direct email to [chdhu@sunysuffolk.edu](mailto:chdhu@sunysuffolk.edu) or call (631) 451-4700.

### **About The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding**

The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding maintains significant collections of original materials that document the Holocaust and chronicle slavery in America. CHDHU's mission is to educate the community on historical events and acts of genocide, such as the Holocaust, and on human rights atrocities, such as slavery, to teach and demonstrate approaches to preventing such acts and events from occurring in the future, and to foster peaceful coexistence in our community.

### **About Embracing Our Differences**

CHDHU initiated EOD-LI with a successful showing in October 2007 in Heckscher Park, Huntington. An exhibition of new material was displayed in fall 2008, first at the Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn (**photo attached to email and available on request**), and then in Heckscher Park. Seen by thousands of visitors and many classes, the exhibit has inspired much thought and conversation about the human experience. The exhibit has also traveled to many locations including downtown Riverhead, Syosset H.S., Commack Middle School, Northport Village Park, and the campuses of Suffolk County Community College. Partnering organizations offered dozens of programs throughout Long Island reinforcing the objective of our project.

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