



2010 Winter Residency Invitation **Branching Out: *Taking Wing***

Dear Mid-Coast Professional, Teaching, and Youth Artists,

We are pleased to announce the 4th annual Branching Out Residency Program. Waterfall Arts matches area youth with professional artists in their field of interest for a short-term mentoring program. This program culminates in a collaborative or side-by-side piece of artwork to be exhibited in our Clifford Gallery in Belfast March and April, 2010. Past work has included sculpture, photography, drawing, painting, mixed media and more.

Teams will work together to create art, inspiring each other in the process. In addition, each youth artist/mentor team will be invited to make a public presentation of their work to a school or community group. Students will gain invaluable experience in the creative collaborative process, hanging a show, and public speaking, all essential skills for any professional artist. A \$100 honorarium will be given to each professional artist to cover supply costs. The project has received generous support from the Davis Family Foundation.

What an important program it is, and what a fabulous experience it was. As a professional working photographer/artist, with 20 years of experience to share, it was a joy for me to be given the opportunity to work one-on-one, with young artists, in my studio, to create collaborative works of art.... Professional artists like myself are given the opportunity to leave both literal and figurative marks... and inevitably, the children leave marks on us as well. I would go so far as to say that Branching Out is a program that should be implemented in every community in the country."

Participating Artist Mentor Marcie Bronstein

This year's residency focus, ***Taking Wing***, offers a hopeful and action-based theme, reflecting the broad array of community responses to climate change, habitat preservation, and decreasing our dependency on fossil fuels. Art is a significant element in many of these responses. Also, this launching point for the artist/mentor pairs is embedded in our mission:

Waterfall Arts is dedicated to creative engagement for a sustainable future.

Branching Out Outcomes:

- Students will learn through experience of working side-by-side with a professional artist in a studio setting, to collaboratively produce a finished work of art, from initial concept through installation.
- Students will learn about curating and assembling an exhibition by participating in the gallery preparation and installation of their finished works.
- Through sharing the mentor/student experience with their peers, students will learn to communicate the concepts, process and steps involved in producing works of art based on natural themes.

Winter 2010 Branching Out: *Taking Wing* timeline:

- **December 2009** Information goes out to artists and area youth via email, word of mouth and mid-coast area art school teachers
- **January 8, 2010 Youth Application Deadline**
- **January 13** Artist Mentor Pairs finalized
- **January 15** Friday Evening "Meet & Greet" at Waterfall Arts Clifford Gallery for participating artist mentors, young artists and their families. (This meeting kicks off the six weeks of residency work time. Pairs

are expected to meet a minimum of six times in approximately 3-hour blocks or a total of 18 hours over the course of the six weeks)

- **February 3rd** Mid-Residency email update from artist mentors to Waterfall Arts Program Director martha@waterfallarts.org with a progress report
- **February 26** All works completed and ready to install
- **March 1-5** installation week in the Clifford Gallery – all hands on deck!
- **March 5** Exhibit opens in Clifford Gallery at Waterfall Arts Friday, 5-8pm
- **March 5 – April 30** Exhibition duration. During this period each mentor-artist team will be scheduled to do one presentation and visiting artist workshop in a local junior or high school art class or public venue. The Director of Programming will make arrangements and be the liaison between the team and the school district or public venue
- **April 30 – May 4** Artwork to be retrieved by artists

Please consider applying to be one of 10 artist mentors or one of the 10 youth participants this winter! Any questions, please contact us at the address below.

MENTORS: Practicing Artists interested in participating as mentors, please email outlining your experience and interest to the address below (images or website are welcome.)

YOUTH: Interested Youth participants (Junior or High School age students in SAD 3, 28, 34 or 56, or home school) can print out the attached application. Please fill it out, email it, mail it or return it in person to the following address:

Martha Piscuskas, Director of Programming
Waterfall Arts 256 High Street Belfast, Maine 04915
207-338-2222 email: martha@waterfallarts.org
www.waterfallarts.org

ABOUT Waterfall Arts

What do we do?

We are a community art center with studios, classrooms, and exhibition spaces, and a hub of creative activity for the region and beyond. We promote environmental sustainability and celebrate creativity through inspirational exhibits, residencies, classes and events for all ages and abilities. Visit [our website](#) for current activities.

How?

Waterfall Arts takes a bold stand at the leading edges of art and design that supports environmental sustainability by using the creative power of the arts. We enlist artist visionaries to focus attention on ecological issues and inspire us to act. We give people the opportunity to make and experience art inspired by nature in order to build appreciation for our planet and the desire to protect it. We encourage creativity and experimentation in our innovative programs.

Why?

Humanity is increasingly out of harmony with mother earth. We're facing overpopulation, relentless pursuit of material gains, depletion of natural resources, pollution of the environment, destruction of habitats and species, and global warming. Unless we all focus on these problems to help resolve them, our future and that of the planet are in peril. Waterfall Arts believes that art and creativity can make a difference as we work to improve our world.

Our Vision

To continue to be a local, nationally and internationally significantly known organization promoting sustainability through the arts. We try to attract innovative eco-artists that appeal to global audiences, while also serving the local community. Waterfall Arts partners with like-minded individuals & organizations for maximum impact.



2010 Winter Residency in Belfast

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For More Information: 338-2222 martha@waterfallarts.org www.waterfallarts.org

Youth Artist Application Deadline: January 8, 2010

Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Art Teacher: _____ Your Phone: _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

How did you hear about the program? Please Check: Brochure _____ Friend _____ Parents _____
Waterfall Arts Staff _____ School Art Teacher _____ Website _____ Other _____

In your own words why would you like to participate in **BRANCHING OUT: *Taking Wing***?

What is your favorite kind of medium of art and why? (Painting-Drawing-Sculpture-Clay-Mixed Media-Collage-Mask Making-Fiber Arts-Photography)

Optional:

If you have a color copy or photographs of samples of artwork you are proud of please send them in with your application.

Feel free to use more space! Please return to:

Branching Out, Waterfall Arts, 256 High St, Belfast, ME 04915 or

martha@waterfallarts.org

Thanks!