Sondheim Artscape Prize Entrants on Display around Baltimore

M&T Sponsoring Several Components of Artscape and the Sondheim Prize, Helping to Boost the Visibility and Recognition of Artists in the Greater Baltimore Region

M&T Bank is pleased to provide art lovers with an extended opportunity to enjoy Baltimore's talented artists before, during and after the Artscape festival weekend.

The Artscape Gallery Network features exhibitions in galleries throughout the Baltimore area that highlight the work of applicants for the 2015 Janet & Walter Sondheim Artscape Prize.

The Sondheim Prize, which awards a \$25,000 prize to a visual artist living and working in the region, is given in conjunction with Artscape, the largest free arts festival in America.

"Our partnership with M&T Bank has been wonderful. They helped us develop the Gallery Network, which extends the reach and impact of the Sondheim Prize. It benefits our many art galleries and highlights the rich art scene in Baltimore and throughout the region," said Bill Gilmore, Executive Director, of Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA), the nonprofit organization that produces Artscape and the Sondheim Prize.

Of more than 400 artists who submitted their work for consideration, 49 semi-finalists were selected. Their work will be on display at Artscape, which takes place from July 17-19. The exhibition, sponsored by M&T Bank, will run through August 2 at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

Seven finalists were selected this year and their work is on exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art. The winner of the Sondheim Prize will be announced on July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Baltimore Museum of Art. In recognition of their outstanding accomplishments, each of the remaining finalists will receive a \$2,500 award from M&T Bank.

"The arts strengthen our community and enhance our quality of life. That's why support of the arts is an essential part of M&T's commitment to the communities we serve," said Jack Lewin III, Administrative VP for the M&T Healthcare Banking Group. Lewin serves on the board of BOPA.

Galleries participating in the network include:

Area 405 405 E Oliver Street 21202 www.area405.com

Baltimore Clayworks 5707 Smith Ave 21209 www.baltimoreclayworks.org

Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower Gallery 21 S Eutaw Street 21201 www.bromoseltzertower.com

Crystal Moll Gallery 1030 South Charles Street 21230 www.crystalmoll.com

Current Space 421 N Howard Street 21201 www.currentspace.com

Fleckenstein Gallery

3316 Keswick Road 21211 www.fleckensteingallery.com

Full Circle Gallery 33 E 21st Street 21218 www.fullcirclephoto.com

Gallery 788 3602 Hickory Avenue 21211 www.g788.org

The Gallery at CCBC, Catonsville 800 South Rolling Road 21228 www.ccbcmd.edu/adim/galleries.html

The Gallery at CCBC, Dundalk 7200 Sollers Point Road 21222 www.ccbcmd.edu/adim/galleries.html

The Gallery at CCBC, Essex 7201 Rossville Boulevard 21237 www.ccbcmd.edu/adim/galleries.html

Goya Contemporary Gallery 3000 Chestnut Avenue 21211 www.goyacontemporary.com

Hamilton Gallery 5502 Harford Road 21214 www.hamiltonarts.org

ICA Baltimore 16 West North Ave 21201 www.icabaltimore.org

Make Studio Schwing Art Center, 3326 Keswick Road 21211 www.make-studio.org

MAXgallery 126 N. Madeira Street 21231 www.maxinetaylorfinearts.com

RandallScott Projects 216 West Read Street 21201 www.randallscottprojects.com

School 33 Art Center 1427 Light Street 21230 www.school33.org

Terrault Contemporary 1515 Guilford Avenue 21202 www.terraultcontemporary.com

Top of the World Observation Level Gallery World Trade Center, 27th floor 401 E. Pratt Street 21202 www.VIEWbaltimore.org

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