

Connecticut Forum on Careers in the Arts for People with Disabilities

Saturday, November 15, 2008

9:30 AM ó 4:00 PM

Carol Autorino Center, Saint Joseph College
West Hartford, Connecticut

PROGRAM AGENDA

9:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM Welcome

Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid, President, Saint Joseph College

Karen Senich, Executive Director, CT Commission on Culture and Tourism

Remarks

Claudette J. Beaulieu, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social Services

Statewide Forum Initiative

Paula Terry, Director, Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts

Introduced by An-Ming Truxes, Arts Division Director, CCT

Connecting to the Cultural Community

Stephanie Moore, Director of Visual Arts, VSA Arts, Washington, D.C.

Introduced by Eileen Carpinella, Executive Director, Young Audiences Arts for Learning Connecticut/VSA arts Affiliate

11:00-11:15 AM Break

Performance: Aaron Kubey, Actor

11:15-12:15 AM Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Session 1: Art as a Business: Strategies, Making Community Connections

Facilitated by Margaret Bodell, Curator

Heather Gates, Executive Director, Community Health Resources, Windsor

Jennifer Morris, Partner, Siegel Artist Management

Margaret Bodell, Curator

Session 2: Support for Successful Employment: Tax benefits, Work Incentives, Assistive Technology, Community Support

Facilitated by Allyson Pequita, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

Arlene Lugo, Program Director, CT Tech Act Project, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

Chris Kelly, Disability Program Navigator, CT-Works, Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

Tracy Perugini, Benefits Specialist, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

**Session 3: Transitioning from School to Career: Steps for Success, Overcoming Barriers
Facilitated by Stephanie Moore**

Patti Clay, Education Consultant, Connect-ability
Melissa Sands, Art Teacher, New Haven
Mary Lou Lauricella, Drama Therapist, West Haven Administration
Medical Center

**12:15 PM Lunch
Art/Technology Exhibit**

1:15-1:30 PM Performance: John Denner, Guitarist

**1:30-2:30PM Panel: Artist Success Stories: Challenges Faced by Artists with Disabilities
Moderated by Stephanie Moore**

John Denner, Musician
Aaron Kubey, Executive Director, National Theatre of the Deaf
Monique Silva, Graphic Artist
Ashley Wolfe, Actor & **Nancy Wolfe**, Actor and Acting Coach
Ekiwah Adler-Belendez, Poet

**2:30-2:45 PM Break
Performance: Ekiwah Adler-Belendez, Poet**

**2:45-3:30PM Essential Question Discussion: Next Steps for Connecticut
Facilitated by Stephanie Moore**

3:30-4:00PM Forum Evaluation and Drawing

**6:00 PM Performance:
Little Theatre of the Deaf
Ricky Alfonso Jazz Quintet**