

Connecticut Forum on Careers in the Arts for People with Disabilities

Saturday, November 15, 2008

9:30 AM . 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