

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 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**, Scriptwriter (Mr. Blue Sky, film)
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**