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Women's Studio Workshop

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“Hands-on-Art”: Young Artists Take Over Crown Street

Art Opening, Women's Studio Workshop Art in Education Program

Cioni Building, 61 Crown Street, Kingston, NY 12401,

April 30th- May 20, 2014

Opening reception 5:00 pm- 6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 30th, 2014

Free and open to the public

Light refreshments offered at opening reception

Kingston, NY — On April 30th, the artwork of nearly 100 young artists will decorate the foyer of the Cioni Building. These colorful and expressive paper and print pieces are the creations of a talented group of students who participated in Women's Studio Workshop's "Hands-on Art," a nationally recognized art-in-education program.

This year students from J. Watson Bailey Middle School 8th grade and Edward R. Crosby Elementary School 4th grade traveled to the Women's Studio Workshop's professional visual arts studios. Over three visits, participants spent a day each in WSW's silkscreen, etching, and papermaking studios. In each studio students learned the fundamentals of each medium by working on in-depth, day long projects. Students were often deeply engrossed in the creative process and sometimes the end of the day was bittersweet—one fourth grader from E R Crosby Elementary School exclaimed, "I don't ever want to go home."

Since 1985, WSW has provided youth from the Kingston City School District the opportunity to work as artists alongside professional artists. Students learn from instructors who are practicing professional artists, some of whom are local and others who are visiting artist-in-residence at WSW. This year's resident teachers came from as far away as Washington DC and Ohio.

The public is invited to celebrate the 2014 Hand-On Art program at the culminating exhibition Wednesday, April 30th, 5:00 pm-6:30 pm. The art will be displayed in the foyer of the Cioni building, in uptown Kingston. The Kingston City School District has generously provided this venue for the show. Please join us for creative creations and light refreshments.

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Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) is a visual arts organization in Rosendale, New York. Since 1974, WSW has brought over 5,000 artists from across the globe to work in their printmaking, hand papermaking, letterpress printing, photography, book arts and ceramics studios. Over 6,000 Ulster County youth have participated in WSW's art-in-education program. WSW's artists' books grant program has published more than 200 artists' books which are part of special collections of major libraries and museums including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Tate Modern, Vassar College and The Library of Congress, among others.

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