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Art Exhibition to Showcase United Arts Artist Development Grantees

United Arts of Central Florida presents *Granted!*, an exhibition showcasing the works of 44 artists who received Artist Development Grants in 2009, 2010, and 2011. The show will run from August 16 through September 15, 2012, with an opening reception on Thursday, August 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at CityArts Factory in the Downtown Arts District.

From 2009-2011, 86 talented artists with a broad range of creative disciplines including visual arts, film, literature, and performing arts, received grants ranging from \$1,000-\$2,500 for artistic projects or training. A total of \$97,400 in grants was awarded over the three-year period in Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.

This is the third event of its kind – past *Granted!* exhibitions occurred in 2006 and 2009. The next round of Artist Development Grant applications are due on October 11 at 5 p.m. More information is available at tinyurl.com/artistgrant.

Granted! highlights the vibrant and diverse modes of expression demonstrated by emerging and established artists in Central Florida. Congratulations to all the grantees. For a full list of grantees (2009-2011), please visit tinyurl.com/grantedartshow.

United Arts of Central Florida is a dynamic collaboration of businesses, governments and school districts, foundations, arts and cultural organizations, and artists and individuals. This partnership works to enhance the quality and variety of cultural experiences available throughout Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Since its inception in 1989, United Arts has invested more than \$121 million in local cultural organizations and cultural education. United Arts strengthens the community by connecting you with creative opportunities and experiences. *The Arts Matter*™ – for our children, for our economy, for our community. For more information please visit UnitedArts.cc, or to perform an act of philanthropy by giving *for* the arts, visit TheArtsMatter.com.

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