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## *City Hall Photo Exhibit to Showcase Jersey City's Western Waterfront: The Hackensack River Separate Show features Paintings by Papa Gora Tall*

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** will host an opening reception for two shows, “Papa Gora Tall: Solo Exhibition” and “The Hackensack River, Jersey City’s Forgotten Waterfront: A Photo Documentary” from **6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at City Hall, 280 Grove Street.**

The Hackensack River graces the city’s western waterfront and flows just west of the Hudson River, overlooking the Hudson River Valley from the ridge of the Palisades and flows in the heart of the Metropolitan area.

“The Hackensack River is a river steeped in history and this show exhibits Jersey City’s Western Waterfront,” said **Mayor Healy**. “These three photographers have collaborated to document the Hackensack River in a way that is both memorable and iconic.”

“The Hackensack River, Jersey City’s Forgotten Waterfront: A Photo Documentary” is a group photo exhibition created by Andrezj Lech, Leon Yost, and Martina Solej – three Jersey City based professional photographers. This exhibition documents, celebrates, and raises public awareness about the unique natural, cultural, and historical value of the Hackensack River.

**Andrezj Lech’s** photographs are of a timeless character that not only depicts the object, but evokes emotion. There is intense reflection upon the passing of time and an attempt to stop this time, but in a different way than in other kinds of photography, which try to stop it in its immobility.

**Leon Yost**, a documentary photographer, captures the beauty and the essence of many of Jersey City’s landmarks and landscapes. Each year, Yost’s photographs are featured in the annual Jersey City calendar produced by the Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy.

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**Martina Solej**, primarily a fashion photographer, brings her unique perspective on urban life to her landscape and still life photographs. Solej also has an ongoing series documenting strong and/or intriguing women, as well as textural or macro photographs that focus in on the details of a given object or space.

In a separate show on the third floor, renowned Jersey City artist **Papa Gora Tall**, born in Senegal, West Africa, fuses the past with the future and the traditional with the contemporary. His paintings, in a spirit of infinite simplicity, transform daily living into a spiritual awareness. Tall's artwork features the figurative and abstract paintings in oil and acrylic.

The City Hall reception is free and open to the public and is handicap accessible. Refreshments will be served.

The show, which is curated by City Hall Art Curator Greg Brickey, will run through the end of this month. **Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

For more information, contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921.

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