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## *Mayor Healy to Celebrate Women's History Month Art Exhibit Features Journal Square Designs of Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture*

**JERSEY CITY** – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, the Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Cultural Affairs will host an art reception on **Tuesday, March 10, 2009** for two exhibits from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in **City Hall, 280 Grove Street**. The **Women's History Month Exhibit** will be held on the second floor and the **“(Re) Centering: New Visions for Journal Square** will be featured on the third floor.

The group exhibit will feature several artists whose work represents many different disciplines. Artists on display are:

- **Joan Palmer** whose oil paintings are inspired by the artistic vibe of Jersey City. Joan's work is an ongoing exploration of the artist's vulnerable and sensitive nature, and represent the artists' desire for freedom from boundaries and the embrace of a forgiving path to the future.
- **Bojana Coklyat**, recognized nationally as a blind painter. Two years ago, Coklyat stopped painting after she had suffered significant vision loss due to diabetes. She attended the rehabilitation and art therapy program at the New Jersey Foundation for the Blind and is now painting more than ever. In the Fall of 2008, she received national recognition by Senator Frank Lautenberg's office to paint a Christmas Ornament for the White House Christmas Tree.
- **Bonnie Gloris**, a fine artist and illustrator originally from Albany, N.Y., moved to New York City to attend Parsons, the New School for Design, and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration. Bonnie currently lives in Jersey City, and has exhibited her artwork in galleries across the country, including shows in Albany, Saratoga, New York City, Jersey City, Minneapolis, Las Vegas, Detroit, and Portland. She believes that an artist compiles visual elements that describe their subjects. Inspired by several selections from “The Authors,” a series of portraits of writers, Gloris uses oil paint to capture the likeness of each author, then supplements the composition with collage elements and color palettes that give insight into the subject's personality and the personalities of the characters they create, as well as the time during which they wrote their masterpieces.

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- **Gerald Glover** will be exhibiting oil paintings
- Photography by **Hudson School of Technology** students

The second show, *(Re) Centering: New Visions For Journal Square*, explores the development and design of urban housing proposals for Journal Square in Jersey City. As the original political and financial center of Jersey City, Journal Square represents a significant element of local history and is a major transportation hub. It is a unique site whose future as a regional center instigates new ideas of housing.

This exhibition originates from a course completed by architecture students at **Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture** whose designs propose new forms of housing that are both global and local, focusing on the individual case of Journal Square with a deep awareness of issues such as commuting time, the importance of home, and environmental responsibility. The course focused on housing, transportation, making housing affordable, as well as making it centrally connected to the wider urban resources of the metro area. This sprawling design exhibition is divided between two venues, the Jersey City Museum and Jersey City's Rotunda Gallery. The program is organized by Brian Laughlin, who is both their instructor and the Jersey City's Housing Authority's architect.

The exhibits will run until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Greg Brickey, Art Curator, Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-4333.

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