



JULY 2009

THE CATALOG

COMMUNITY ACCESS TO THE ARTS' NEWSLETTER

Save the date for our Annual Art Show & Poetry Reading!

I AM A PART OF ART

Opening Reception:
Thurs, July 30, 5-7pm
Poetry Reading 5pm

Artwork: Stephen H.



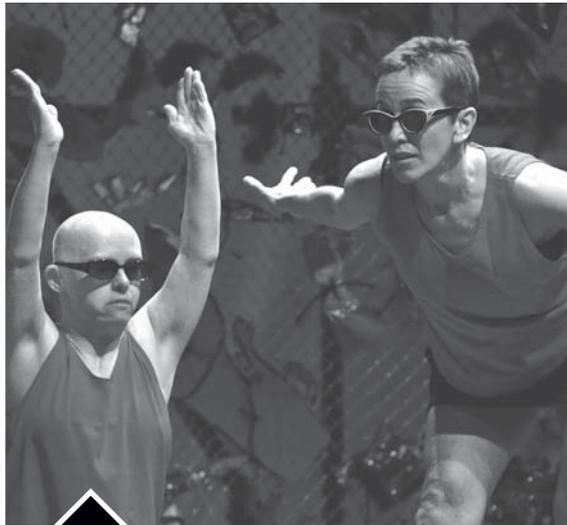
CATA MAKES ME HAPPY

Faces, feet, hands, eyes
Glimpses of artists behind a curtain
They dance and move as their hearts beat
The rhythm defined by their ability to amaze the audience's eyes
The actors speak through voices and expressions
The story is told by artists and sounds
The voices are louder, they say: hear me out! We can do it all, yes we can
Balls and buckets, a juggler shines
The music and the movie bring distant artists closer
The gap of generations disappears with the notes of a guitar
Three chairs, guests, hosts, flowers and spoons
They all come together and I'm still laughing
Singers that make me smile, the voice of one
That tell us all: Let's play imagination again

Amy Sequenzia



State Senator, Ben Downing, Leslie Ferrin & CATA board member, Steve Shatz at CATA's Artistic Realization Technology (A.R.T.) opening at Ferrin Gallery in April. Over 100 people came to see paintings created by five artists with severe physical disabilities.



Above: Joanne King and Dawn Lane in "you who", a new dance piece commissioned by CATA supporter, Beth Maher, and premiered at the May performance and gala. Below, CATA Board member, Gussie Greer, enjoys the gala with husband, Peter (left) and State Representative, Smitty Pignatelli (right).



Billy Fortini works with Teresa Thomas and colorful felt in CATAdirect's open workshop event. CATA cards and jewelry are available for purchase online!



Support CATA by purchasing a piece of artwork for your home or office! Check out art online by clicking on programs/visual arts. Or come to our annual art show on July 30th! Artwork: Tanny Labshere

For more information, visit www.communityaccess-totheARTS.org/direct.



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Community Access to the Arts nurtures and celebrates the creativity of people with disabilities through shared experiences in the visual and performing arts.

Dear CATA Friends,

Our May gala was a tremendous success, thanks to our long-time friends and many new supporters who came to celebrate the work of our performing arts participants and faculty. Now, it's time to shine a light on our visual arts program. Please join us on July 30th at 70 Railroad Street for our annual "I'm A Part of Art" exhibition and poetry reading.

Summer is a quieter time for CATA, a time to reflect on the great achievements of the program year and to plan for the next. We have been very fortunate to enjoy your support, and thanks to you we've been able to maintain CATA's core work in this difficult economic environment.

Looking forward, we face daunting challenges; as you all know, in a tightened economy, arts programs are often first to be effected. Many see the arts as expendable. We see things in a different light!

We would be extremely grateful for any additional support that you would be inspired to give toward CATA's programs, which serve over 500 people with disabilities throughout our community. We see these programs as an essential element of a full life for our participants who enjoy and benefit from them, and for the wider world that grows and changes as we recognize and celebrate their achievements.

We invite your continued support.

Sandra Newman
Founder & Executive Director

Ben Silberstein
Board President



Reflections from MISSION: Imagination



"This work is such a powerful reminder of how the arts speak to us -- sometimes with no words at all. I brought my thirteen-year-old, who was less than willing to accompany me on a Saturday afternoon. He ended up turning to me at least three times during the show to say, 'Thank you SO much for bringing me, Mom.' The arts really do touch all people, from all walks of life, and across all ages."

-- Diane Wortis, Director of Leadership Development, Miss Hall's School



"What an amazing performance you put on this weekend!! From the moment we sat down and the music began to play to the very last piece, we were touched by the professionalism of the work, the tremendous creativity and the flawless presentation."

-- Joan Burkhard, Executive Director, Riverbrook Residence for Women