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**SFCC Art Exhibition**

**“Dialog in the Arts: An Exhibition by Teachers and their Students”**

**Nov. 20, 2009 to Jan. 19, 2010**

**Santa Fe, NM** — Santa Fe Community College’s School of Arts and Design Visual Arts Gallery presents “Dialog in the Arts: An Exhibition by Teachers and their Students,” a selection of artwork by faculty and students from Santa Fe area colleges and high schools, including SFCC, the Institute of American Indian Arts, the College of Santa Fe, Los Alamos High School, Monte del Sol Charter School, Santa Fe Indian School and Santa Fe High School. The exhibition runs from Nov. 20 through Jan. 19, 2010.

The exhibition will be marked by the following special events:

- ∞ On Nov. 20 from 4 to 5 p.m., a public panel discussion with participating students and faculty will explore the creative process as defined by the student/teacher relationship, from 4 to 5 p.m., in Room 711 of the Fine Arts Center.
- ∞ On Nov. 20 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., an opening reception takes place in the Visual Arts Gallery.
- ∞ On Nov. 23 at 5 p.m., Dr. James Ledyard, Head of School of the New Mexico School for the Arts, will lead a symposium discussing the role of the arts in New Mexico education, in the SFCTV Studio, Room 563A. The discussion will air on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., beginning Dec. 2 on Comcast public access channel 16.

The “Dialog in the Arts” exhibition features 10 works of art produced by student/teachers pairs from Santa Fe colleges and high schools. Featured art includes work in architectural design, ceramics, drawing, graphic design, handmade paper, mixed-media photography, and sculpture. The artists have been asked to discuss their collaborative creative process, and the way it influenced their work. Each piece of artwork will be accompanied by writings contributed by the artists in order to highlight the creative dialogue between student and teacher.

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“The rich cultural tradition in the arts and abundant galleries in Northern New Mexico contribute to a unique learning environment for students,” said Douglas Barkey, dean of SFCC’s School of Arts and Design. “This exhibition describes the learning trajectory from nascent to emerging to accomplished artists and educators alike.”

The New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA) is a public/private partnership comprised of the New Mexico School for the Arts, a New Mexico state charter high school, and School for the Arts – NM, a nonprofit art educational institution. The purpose of the New Mexico School for the Arts is to provide the highest standards of excellence in preparing New Mexico’s artistically talented students to compete in the national arena for post-secondary education and/or professional careers in the arts. NMSA will offer pre-professional instruction in dance, music, theater and visual arts in combination with rigorous academics leading to a New Mexico high school diploma. NMSA will be located in Santa Fe and is scheduled to open in Fall 2010. For more information, visit [www.nmschoolforthearts.org](http://www.nmschoolforthearts.org).

### **Dr. Jim Ledyard**

Dr. Jim Ledyard is the Head of School for the New Mexico School for the Arts, a public, statewide, residential charter school dedicated to artistic and academic excellence. He is a veteran educator whose career has spanned high school and college teaching, secondary school leadership, and university administration. He has been head of three independent schools, most recently Ravenscroft School in Raleigh, NC, where he served for eleven years. Ravenscroft is noted for its exceptional programs in the fine and performing arts which flourished under Ledyard's guidance. His teaching has focused on literature for the theater, with a specialty in Shakespeare. Ledyard has considerable experience as a board member of various arts-related organizations including a charter school in Washington, D.C., and a program located in Spoleto, Italy, for high school students skilled in the performing or visual arts. He studied at Princeton (AB), Stanford (MA) and Claremont Graduate University (PhD).

### **About Santa Fe Community College**

For more than 25 years, Santa Fe Community College has been the gateway to success for individuals and the community by providing affordable, high quality educational programs that serve the social, cultural, technological and economic needs of a diverse community. The college serves more than 14,500 students per year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs. For further information, visit [www.sfccnm.edu](http://www.sfccnm.edu) or call (505) 428-1000.

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