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SFCC Art Exhibition

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

Dec. 2, 2011 to Jan. 23, 2012

Exhibit opens Friday, December 2 at SFCC’s Visual Arts Gallery

SANTA FE, NM – Santa Fe Community College’s School of Arts and Design Visual Arts Gallery presents “Dialog in the Arts III: An Exhibition by Teachers and their Students,” a selection of artwork by faculty and students from Santa Fe and New Mexico area high schools and colleges including the MASTERS Program charter school, the New Mexico School for the Arts, Rio Rancho High School, the Institute of American Indian Arts, the Santa Fe University of Arts and Design and SFCC. The exhibition runs from Dec. 2, 2011 through Jan. 23, 2012.

From 4 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, SFCC’s School of Arts and Design hosts a public panel discussion with participating students and faculty who will explore the creative process. The discussion will take place at SFCC in Room 711 of the Fine Arts Center.

The “Dialog in the Arts” series features works of art produced by student and teachers from Santa Fe-area colleges and high schools. Featured art includes work in traditional beadwork, drawing, painting, sculpture and video. During the panel discussion, the artists have been asked to talk about their collaborative creative process and the way it influences their work. Photos attached.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact SFCC’s Visual Arts Gallery Director Clark Baughan at (505) 428-1501 or clark.baughan@sfcc.edu.

Rio Rancho Public Schools is dedicated to graduating each student with an educational foundation for success as a responsible, ethical contributor to society. The Rio Rancho High School Visual Arts program strives to provide a foundation in the arts to all students, so that all members of the community have an understanding of the artistic process and an appreciation for the role of art and creativity in society. For students with an interest in art as a life-long pursuit, the Visual Arts Program teaches the skills needed to enter postsecondary study and the 21st century arts workforce. Rio Rancho believes in providing students with both a traditional and technology-based arts education so they leave the classroom with skills needed in an ever-growing and evolving arts industry.

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 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 is located in Santa Fe. For more information, visit www.nmschoolforthearts.org.

The mission of **The MASTERS Program** is to support the goal of a college education as an option for every student by expecting all students to perform at rigorous academic levels when provided challenging educational activities by inspired, talented teachers. The MASTERS Program is a tuition-free public charter early-college high school serving

grades 10-12. Students are required to enter with six high-school credits. Located on the campus of the Santa Fe Community College, the school supports the goal of a higher education for every student. Blending high school and college-level courses at the Santa Fe Community College into a single academic program, The MASTERS Program provides students with the means to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and substantial college credit with all tuition free. The MASTERS Program provides the resources that allow each student to achieve academic success and become a life-long learner through service and self-reflection. Through a mentorship program participating students learn to master the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in their field of choice after graduation. Students are chosen for The MASTERS Program via a lottery process. For more information, visit <http://www.themastersprogram.net/>.

About Santa Fe Community College: *For more than 28 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 15,000 students per year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs. For further information, visit www.sfcc.edu or call (505) 428-1000. Follow us: [SFCC on Facebook](#), [SFCC on Twitter](#).*

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