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OPEN HOUSE & HOLIDAY SALE AT HOWARD COUNTY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Ellicott City, MD – The Howard County Arts Council hosts the annual Open House & Holiday Sale on Friday, December 4, 2009, from 6-8:30pm. Local artists and groups will sell unique and affordable art and handcrafted items including paintings and photography, wearables, prints, ceramics, jewelry, greeting cards, and functional sculpture. Refreshments will be provided.

This year's free event will also feature the for two exhibits: *Art HoCo 2009*, juried by Amanda Burnham, Assistant Professor and Area Coordinator of Foundations at Towson University; and *Time and Shuttles Fly: 60 Years Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore*. HCAC resident artists and art organizations will open their studios to the public from 7-8pm. Some of the art groups who meet at the center will have display tables during the evening.

Open House and Sale participating artists and art organizations include: James Adkins, Jereme Scott, Joan Bevelaqua, Carolyn Cates, Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, Heidi Praff, Howard County Ballet, Art Landerman, Diana Marta, Leora Smith, Thomasine Spore, Andrei Trach, Jamie Travers, Mary Jo Tydlacka, Airry Zhang, David Zuccarini, and more TBA!

The Open House & Holiday Sale are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the website www.hocoarts.org or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).

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The Howard County Center for the Arts is operated by the Howard County Arts Council, a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve the citizens of Howard County by fostering the arts, artists and arts organizations. The Howard County Arts Council and the Howard County Center for the Arts receive major grants from Howard County and the Maryland State Arts Council and sustaining annual support from corporate, foundation and individual sponsors. Howard County Arts Council offices are located at the Howard County Center for the Arts, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The Howard County Center for the Arts is a handicapped accessible facility encouraging the full participation of individuals with disabilities.

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