

NTID HOSTS INAUGURAL WEEK OF ART FUNDRAISER APRIL 17-21

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More than 50 pieces of art created by artists from around the world, including paintings, sculptures, photographs, and jewelry, will be auctioned during NTID's first-ever Week of Art April 17-21 to benefit deaf and hard-of-hearing students studying visual arts at Rochester Institute of Technology.

The event, which includes a silent auction of faculty and staff artwork as well as a live auction of works by professional deaf artists, benefits the newly formed NTID Endowed Scholarship in Visual Arts Disciplines.

The silent auction is open to the RIT community Monday through Thursday. Interested bidders can view and silently bid for items either at the Dyer Arts Center or online at www.rit.edu/ntid/artweek, beginning April 17. Winners will be notified the following week.

A live auction gala of some 25 works by 17 professional deaf artists, including RIT graduates Chuck Baird, Peter Cook, Wendy Maruyama, Jackie Schertz, and Ron Trumble, will take place Friday, April 21, in the Arts Center. The event begins with a 6 p.m. viewing and hors d'oeuvres reception followed by a live auction at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple and may be applied toward a winning bid. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Jeannette Vargas of NTID's College Advancement Office at 475-6836 (v/TTY) or jvargas@ntid.rit.edu.

The NTID Endowed Scholarship in Visual Arts Disciplines benefits deaf and hard-of-hearing students who study visual arts at NTID or in one of RIT's other colleges.

NTID is the first and largest technological college in the world for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. One of eight colleges of RIT, NTID offers educational programs and access and support services to its 1,100 students from around the world who study, live, and socialize with 14,400 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y., campus.

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