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FREE ARTS DAY @ HVCCA Sunday December 7th, 2008 12:00-6:00pm

Peekskill NY — The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art will host a Free Arts Day on Sunday December 7th, 2008 from 12:00-6:00pm.

- **2:00pm** Docent Tour of ORIGINS exhibition led by HVCCA President / Co-Founder Dr. Livia Straus. ORIGINS presents major works by 30 artists from 15 countries using natural materials: clay, ash, fiber, wood and soil including Magdalena Abakanowicz, Carl Andre, Huma Bhabha, Louise Bourgeois, Anselm Kiefer, Zhang Huan, Richard Long, Kiki Smith, Mierle Ukeles and Franz West.

- **3:00pm** Special music performance by the Westchester Symphonic Winds clarinet quartet featuring Claudia Mickelson, Rocco Polera, Daniel Salvi and Curt Ebersole and a saxophone quartet featuring Ed Herko, Ed Herko, Jr., Tom Sweezey and Daniel Chiplock.

- **4:00pm** Gallery talk with HVCCA'S 2008 Artist-in-Residence Karen Sargsyan. Karen is from Armenia and lives in Amsterdam. The work he is currently making will be included in HVCCA's 2009 exhibition "Double Dutch: Exploring The Soul of Dutch Art Through the Works of Installation Artists" scheduled to open the weekend of September 12th & 13th, 2009. Support for this residency has been provided by the Dutch Foundation for Visual Arts.

FREE ARTS DAY is an event of the Westchester Arts Council with participating institutions throughout the County.

ABOUT HVCCA

The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art opened June 2004. Founded by the Marc and Livia Straus family, the not-for-profit center is dedicated to the development and presentation of new art, exhibits and interdisciplinary programs that enrich our understanding of contemporary art, its contexts, and its relationships to societal issues. The Center is committed to the enrichment of Peekskill, a multicultural community that has recreated itself as a major center for art and culture. HVCCA operates a 12,000 square foot exhibition space in Peekskill and is the primary sponsor of the Peekskill Project, an annual, city-wide exhibition of site-specific artwork.

Programs at the HVCCA are generously funded through a basic support grant from the Westchester Arts Council.