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### **The Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation Supports the ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library**

**Hartford, Connecticut (January 28, 2013)** – Hartford Public Library announced today that the Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation awarded a grant of \$4,000 in support of a series of four exhibits on the **ArtWalk** at Hartford Public Library.

The Library's art exhibits attract visitors representing a wide range of ages and backgrounds in a welcoming and accessible manner, **free of charge**. It also attracts visitors to the Downtown Library where visitors connect to the Library's vast resources and cultural offerings that supplement the artistic experience.

Hartford Public Library supports artistic excellence by engaging local communities in new and exciting ways through an array of inspiring artistic programs. Serving as a venue for new and established artists, our programs reach beyond the Library and spread throughout the metro region, providing inspiration, exposure and encouragement to local artists, performers and arts organizations.

The first exhibit in this series will be *Three Women: Visions in Contrast*. This ensemble will feature the works of Linn Bae, Lindsey Fyfe and Nan Runde and will be on display from February 8 through March 15, 2013. An opening reception will take place on Friday, February 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Funding from The Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation will also provide support for these future **ArtWalk** exhibits: Joe Sam, from May 10 through June 8; Sed Miles, from October 4 through November 2; and David Borawski, from December 6, 2013 through January 14, 2014.

#### **About the Gallery**

**ArtWalk** at Hartford Public Library offers one of the largest and most stunning exhibition spaces in greater Hartford and the opportunity for visitors to view art in a magnificent setting in their own community. The state-of-the-art gallery rises above Main Street along a glass wall that floods the space with ambient light during the day and appears to glow as a jewel box at night. Exhibitions offer an array of art experiences that reflect a variety of media, styles, and cultures in the art world, providing diverse viewing experiences, and allowing for many tastes. Art work is displayed on "floating" wall sections that allow the visitor to discover each piece while never seeing the whole exhibition from one vantage point. Because of the unusual cable system in place, one of the most unique aspects of the

**ArtWalk** is that any wall and lighting configuration or arrangement can change with the nature of every new exhibition. The gallery was made possible through the generosity of donors, especially the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund at Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

To learn more about the **ArtWalk**, please visit <http://artwalk.hplct.org/>.

### **About Hartford Public Library**

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) and the library's new blog at [blogs.hplct.org](http://blogs.hplct.org)