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ECHO ART FAIR 2014 RETURNS TO CENTRAL LIBRARY

Announces jury selection, and call for artists and galleries

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The organizers of <u>echo Art Fair</u>, are pleased to announce the 4th annual echo Art Fair, which will take place on September 6 and 7, 2014 at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's Central Library (BECPL) in downtown Buffalo, NY.

echo Art Fair, a juried fine art exposition, continues its mission of providing a platform for independent artists and galleries to present their work to a jury of contemporary art experts, and to showcase and sell their work. Last year's echo featured more than 110 artists and galleries from WNY, the United States, and Canada, and drew large crowds, resulting in the best year yet for art sales.

echo Art Fair is delighted to partner again this year with the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. Fair founder E. Frits Abell said, "We are extremely excited about holding echo Art Fair at the downtown Central Library again this year, as it proved to be an incredible venue for the fair last year—from the 25,000 foot floor-to-ceiling window-lined exhibition space, to the multiple floors that accommodated sitespecific installations, to the central downtown location."

Mary Jean Jakubowski, Director of the Public Library System noted, "We are excited to host echo Art Fair again this year. Libraries are about community, and the fair brings a wide variety of art and artists from WNY—and beyond—directly to the community in a single setting. Libraries and art go hand in hand; as such, art is an important component of literacy and thus hosting such an event supports our mission: connecting our diverse community with library resources that enrich, enlighten and entertain." Again this year, a portion of the revenues from echo Art Fair will be donated to the Library in support of its cultural outreach.

Sarah JM Kolberg will continue on as Advisor to echo Art Fair, while Abell adds several new members to the echo production team: Suzanne Eberhardt, Co-Producer, Ilana Chebowski, Director of Marketing, and Laine Walnicki, Director of Technical Logistics. Cori Wolff, the Executive and Artistic Director of Buffalo Arts Studio (BAS), will serve as this year's Site-Specific Project Curator.

echo Art Fair proudly announces its jury lineup for 2014. Jurors participating in the selection process determining the artists and galleries presented at this year's fair are: Cathleen Chaffee, Curator of Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY; Colina Maxwell, Executive Director, Centre3, Hamilton, Ontario; Robert Scalise, Registrar & Collections Manager, UB Anderson Gallery, Buffalo, NY; Catherine Foley, Arts Patron; and Rosyln Goldman, Collector, Rochester, NY.

echo Art Fair connects experienced collectors and first-time buyers with established and emerging local, regional, and international artists in a centralized,

creative environment, showcasing a broad array of fine art disciplines, including painting, photography, sculpture, prints, works on paper, video and mixed media.

As in previous years, there will be a site-specific component wherein artists of all media will be selected to create interactive, temporary displays that respond to and engage the plaza and other public areas surrounding the Library.

Artists and galleries are invited to submit their works for consideration starting Monday, March 3, 2014. Submission guidelines and additional details regarding the event, including sponsorship opportunities, are available at <u>echoartfair.com</u>.

echo Art Fair is an initiative of Echo Creative Ventures LLC, which leverages sound business practices to build innovative ventures.

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