

## HAI EXHIBITS OUTSIDER ART FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Ines Orihuela, who created "Silly Diva II," pictured here, is featured in HAI's upcoming exhibit, "Outsider Art in America: SURVEY 2005." Ms. Orihuela and her family will be journeying to New York from Irondale, Alabama, for the HAI reception (see below).

This exhibit will provide visibility in a NYC venue for untrained artists with mental disabilities from across the United States. HAI has scheduled the exhibit to coincide with the Outsider Art Fair held annually in late January at the Puck Building, just around the corner from HAI. Converging at the Fair are collectors, academics and gallery personnel from around the world. HAI put out a Call for Entries that resulted in applications from over 200 artists. The jury, consisting of Francis Palazzolo, Curator of The Gallery at HAI; Elizabeth Marks, Director of The Gallery; and Suzanne Kreps, Director of fresh art, inc., reviewed over 500 works of art, finally selecting 80 by 25 artists. Their work is remarkable for its distinctive styles, each as diverse as their geographic origins. Artwork by notable artists from the HAI Workshop Program - Eric Moses, Rodney Thornblad and Melvin Way - will also be included.



Ines Orihuela, *Silly Diva II*

The exhibit will be on display from January 12 through March 15, Monday through Saturday, between 12PM and 6PM. The reception will be held on January 26, between 6PM and 9PM. The HAI Outsider Archive will also be available for viewing upon request.

### 2004 HOLIDAY PARTY DELIGHTS HOMELESS FAMILIES

In the last festivity of the year, HAI brought joy and holiday cheer to homeless families. The Fifth Annual Holiday Party was a great celebration for 160 homeless children and their parents, all of whom participated in HAI's Housing Readiness Workshops during the year.

Families were brought by bus from five family residences located throughout the city to HAI. The loft space was transformed into a winter wonderland, replete with Santa and his helpers to delight the children. Everyone enjoyed a lavish dinner while listening to special guest musicians. Under the care of HAI's volunteers and staff, children enjoyed jewelry making, face painting and drumming. At the end of this special evening, everyone received a gift bag filled with presents donated by a wide variety of businesses and individuals, including Disney Worldwide, Scholastic Inc., Abyssinian Development Corp., Banana Republic, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Triple Five Soul, Nike, VH1, Nickelodeon, Source Magazine and a host of others. We would like to extend a warm "Thank You" to all those who donated their time and resources.

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This January, HAI will provide **Hope And Inspiration** to an audience of more than 22,625 at more than 962 events by offering opportunities...

**...to enjoy dance, theater, concerts and more**

◆ In January, HAI's **Cultural Events Program (CEP)** will make the following performances and sporting events accessible to NYC residents who are relatively culturally isolated due to mental or physical disability, age or frailty:

New York City Ballet	New York State Theatre
Pascal Rioult Dance Theatre	John Jay College
New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden

Other components of HAI's CEP include:

- ▷ **The Community Performing Arts Series** will present Jennifer Lewis, the star of TV's *Strong Medicine*, in concert at John Jay College on January 7th. For ticket information call (212) 575-7660.
- ▷ Two **Omni\*Buses**, which comfortably carry people who are bed confined and those using wheelchairs from hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers to attend cultural events. In January, the Omni\*Buses will continue the Holiday Lights Tours. Musicians will be playing on the bus as it tours the decorations and lights that adorn the city for the holidays.
- ▷ **Tickets To Go**, which provides seniors age 60 and over with steeply discounted tickets, subsidized by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs. Some of the acclaimed productions featured in January are John Patrick Shanley's hit play *Doubt* at Manhattan Theatre Club, the New York Philharmonic, and The Lincoln Center Theatre's production of *The Rivals*.
- ▷ **Describe!** which makes live theater performances accessible to visually impaired and blind individuals. HAI will provide audio description of *Wonderful Town*, starring Brooke Shields on January 26th.
- ▷ **Student Teacher Enrichment Program (STEP)** will provide NYC students with discount tickets to *Beauty and the Beast*, *Brooklyn* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

◆ HAI's **On-Site Performance Program** included many celebrations to commemorate Three Kings' Day on January 6th. Of special note are Rummba Y Fuego and Juan Manuel Morales, who will perform their brand of Latin and South American music. In tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., several HAI artists, including Sam Jacobs, Ebony Hillbillies, L.D. Frazier, Exodus Supreme and The Jazz Elders, will present celebratory performances.

**...to develop competence through artistic expression**

◆ New **Participatory Arts Workshops** and **Professional Development Mentoring Series** are underway at several schools in District 75. In addition, HAI has scheduled "Integrating the Arts into Special Education Curriculum," a three part professional development series assisting teachers to use the arts in special education and inclusion classrooms. The series will take place on Saturday mornings at the HAI loft. Credit toward new teacher hours are available for NYC Department of Education teachers. To register, contact Education Coordinator Amy Harris at (212) 575-7696 or aharris@hospaud.org.

**...to acquire skills for supportive/independent living**

◆ HAI's **Prevention Education Program** uses theatrical role-play to develop decision making skills with respect to HIV/AIDS, Homelessness, Youth Leadership/Violence Prevention and Domestic Violence. In January, the Youth Leadership and Education Program is proud to present *Peace by Peace Revisited*. This work is the product of writing workshops led by renowned playwright/director Arthur Wilson, in which actors and peer educators dramatize volatile situations to students.

**...to gain access to information and to learn more about our mission**

◆ Visit HAI's newly expanded website, [www.hospitalaudiences.org](http://www.hospitalaudiences.org) and view *Access for All: Guide for People with Disabilities to New York City Cultural Institutions* and its update, *Addendum 2001*; *On the Go: A Guide to New York City Culture at a Discount for Seniors* and the monograph, *Live Arts Experiences: Impact on Health and Wellness*.

**This January, HAI will reach a projected audience of over 22,625 at more than 962 events... through the:**

<b>Cultural Events Program</b>	<b>2,000 at 40 events</b>
<b>On-Site Performance Program</b>	<b>8,750 at 175 performances</b>
<b>Arts Workshop Program</b>	<b>11,500 at over 732 workshop hours</b>
<b>Prevention Education Program</b>	<b>375 attending 15 workshops</b>