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“When Brooklyn Artists Speak, Art Listens”

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Date: September 9, 2005 through September 25, 2005

Place: PRATT INSTITUTE

East 240 Gallery

Pratt Institute, Brooklyn

200 Willoughby Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11205

Hours: Open Monday through Friday

11 am – 6 pm.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Reception: Opening reception

Friday, September 9, 2005

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

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When *Brooklyn Artists Speak, Art Listens* is the most recent offering that follows the well-publicized exhibition, *Open House*, which was at the Brooklyn Museum earlier this year. Artists in Brooklyn command a unique place in the world, and our borough hosts one of the highest concentrations of resident artists anywhere. Brooklyn used to be considered an “outer borough” and something of a backwater when compared to Manhattan. This “outer borough” edge provides a unique perspective on the art world and offers Brooklyn artists the ability to develop a body of work that is less dependent on the marketplace and more in keeping with the individual artist’s point of view. Curator Leon Nicholas Kalas says that the Brooklyn artists tend to be more individualistic, creating work “of the heart.” Brooklyn artists can develop at their own rate. Both the Brooklyn Museum of Art exhibit and *When Brooklyn Artists Speak, Art Listens* show work that has had time to mature and ripen. That’s why the art world is listening and looking more carefully at work coming out of this unique environment. These conditions can produce great subtlety, more emotional depth and in general nurture a longer and harder vision.

Leon Nicholas Kalas, the exhibition curator, is a Brooklyn artist and a former gallery owner. Among his other curatorial exhibitions is *Art Treasures to Live With: Picasso, Dali, Renoir*, 2002.

Artists include: Danny Simmons, Otto Neals, David Lantow, Charla Puryear, C Bangs, Kristin Brenneman Eno, Cheryl Hanna, Nola Zirin, Lynn Hassan, Paula Overbay,

Richard Lamb, Nikki Terry, Willie Mae Brown, Ellsworth Ausby, Jamillah Jennings,
Diane J. Grazette-Collins and others.

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