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IAM (Incorporation of Artists) on the Move Present Rhythm, Color, And Harmony: A Special JVC Jazz Festival Event

Harlem, New York May 16, 2003 – (IAM) Incorporation of Artists on the Move, Inc. in its continued recognition and celebration of visual artists is presenting a special JVC Jazz Festival event – Rhythm, Color, and Harmony – A Juried Art Exhibition, from June 16-July 16th at Atelier (International Art Group) located in Harlem, Savacou Gallery located in the East Village, The Jazz Gallery located in the West Village, the Manhattan Borough President Art Gallery located at City Hall, and a special youth exhibition at The Harlem USA Complex (below Magic Johnson Theatre) in Harlem. The event kicks off with a gala reception, honoring jazz great pianist Randy Weston, WBGO special events and program director Dorthann Kirk, executive director of the JazzMobile David Bailey, with a special remembrance of the late great Nina Simone on Wednesday, June 18th 6:00 PM at Atelier (International Art Group) located in Harlem at 104 E. 126th Street (between Lexington and Park Avenue).

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The exhibition will feature the work of over sixty-five U.S. and International emerging and established visual artists that will include acclaimed artist Michael Singletary, whose work has appeared in numerous Spike Lee movies, the Cosby Show, among others, sculptor, printmaker and painter Otto Neals who career spans over thirty years and who, along with the late great Jacob Lawrence is one of the founders of the Fulton Arts Festival in Brooklyn, mixed media artist Rene Hinds, quilt artist Dindga McCannon, noted artist Dr. Ademola Olugebefola, Lauren Camp of New Mexico (2002 Best of Show winner) and Chesiel John of New York (third place winner for 2002), along with a special “artists of distinction” and “master artists” exhibition that will include works by Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, E.J. Montgomery, Emmett Wigglesworth, Betty Blayton Taylor, Ann Tanksley, Maurice Evans, Paul Goodnight and others at the Manhattan Borough President Art Gallery. The exhibition curated by Gwendolyn Black, with gallery directors, Loris Crawford, Dale Fitzgerald, Carole Jones, and Elaine Schulman, will feature a variety of art activities including a panel discussion with noted jazz historian Professor Robert O’Meally of Columbia University on Saturday, June 21st at 4:00 PM, a Youth Art Exhibition on display at the Harlem USA Complex @ 124th Street, 2nd Floor (below Magic Johnson Theatre) with a special artist talk and reception at Savacou Gallery on Sunday, June 22nd at 3:00 PM, Master Artist’s Reception at Manhattan Borough President Art Gallery on Tuesday, June 24th at 6:00 PM and performance and reception at the Jazz Gallery on Wednesday, June 25th at 6:00 PM and

reception at Harlem USA on Thursday, June 26th at 6:00 PM,. Jurors for the exhibition will include Eugenie Bisulco, Director of Correspondence Advisor, Art and Collections of the Office of President William J. Clinton. Last year's winning artists were quilt artist Lauren Camp of New Mexico, mixed media artist Jennifer Taylor of California, and mixed media artist Chesiel John of Brooklyn, New York.

“Since the beginning of jazz music visual artists have been at the forefront of incorporating the improvisational and spontaneity of the music in their work,” states curator and artist Gwendolyn Black who is also co-founder of the organization. “Visual artists from Norman Lewis, Romare Bearden, Nicholas de Stael, and many others have found great inspiration in the music.” This exhibition allows us to bring together the current generation of artists who continues in the tradition of supporting jazz music in their work and it is important that their work is recognized and supported, adds Ms. Black.

This exhibition is sponsored in part by WABC-TV, JP Morgan Chase, and Councilman Bill Perkins.

IAM (Incorporation of Artists on the Move, Inc.) was founded in the early 1990's by a group of artists who saw the need to create their own opportunities for cultural and artistic expression. IAM is recognized for their innovative approach to the development of literacy, cultural awareness and academic achievement through the arts. For additional information, IAM can be contacted at 212/665-5313 or via e-mail at iamarts@juno.com

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