The Third Annual Art Auction

Get ready for a good time in support of a great cause! The Third Annual Family Dynamics Art Auction is set for Monday, May 6th at White Space Chelsea (upstairs from the Agora Gallery). The Art Auction — Family Dynamics’ major fundraising event — caps off an exciting and productive school year for children and youth involved in programs at Family Dynamics, the Bedford-Stuyvesant-based community organization that serves more than 7,300 vulnerable individuals every year in the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Bushwick, Brownsville, East New York and Bedford-Stuyvesant.

The Auction, which supports the Family Dynamics Visiting Artist Program, will feature artwork donated by more than two dozen talented New York City artists who have donated their work (see list below). Donald Sultan, a contemporary artist known for his large-scale still life paintings, is the Honorary Chairman of the event, and has graciously donated one of his prints, Red Poppies. Sultan characteristically creates his work using industrial materials such as tar, enamel, spackle and vinyl tiles.

Currently completing its second year, the Visiting Artist Program provides for two professional artists to work with children attending after-school programs at Family Dynamics’ Beacon Center at MS 35 in Bedford-Stuyvesant. The artists work with fifth-through-eighth graders on projects including painting, collage, costuming and sculpture.

Alexandra Alger and Sharon Zambrelli are the Co-Chairs of the Art Auction Committee, and members of the Family Dynamics Governing Body.

“Schools don’t have the funding to offer much art instruction anymore, and we felt we had to find a way to remedy the situation in our after-school program,” said Alexandra Alger. “We know art is important for kids’ cognitive development. It’s also just fun! Making art is the kind of fun every kid should have.”

Gail Nayowith, Executive Director of SCO Family of Services, says: “Family Dynamics reaches some of the highest need communities in Brooklyn. The Visiting Artist Program gives children who might not have the opportunity otherwise a chance to express themselves creatively, to learn new skills and to grow as artists and individuals.”

Please look for your invitation to the Art Auction in the mail soon. By April 12, we will have an online catalogue of the artwork at www.family-dynamics.org, where you can also purchase tickets. For more information about the event or Family Dynamics call 718.895.2555 ext. 108.

Artists
Ron Agam
Claudia Baez
Cara Barer
John Beardman
Eric Cahan
Ahmet Civelek
Oliver Clegg
Richard Des Jardins
Ron Diorio
Georgia Elrod
Jay Grabowski
Jennifer B. Hudson
Sara Nesbitt
Meredith Ostrom
Marsha Owett
Erik Parker
Mollie Roth
Regina Scully
Hester Simpson
Jordan Sullivan
Donald Sultan
Robert Scotz
John Wellington
List still in formation

We are very excited that artist Donald Sultan has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman of the 2013 Art Auction to benefit Family Dynamics’ Visiting Artist Program.

Below, last year’s Art Auction held at the Zach Feuer Gallery was a great success!
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—Alexandra Alger, Co-Chair

Dynamic Facts

95% of families in Family Dynamics’ Preventive services Program kept their children at home and out of foster care placement.

Family Dynamics served nearly 1,200 children in after-school and summer programs this past year.

Nearly 2,000 children, teens and families went to our Beacon Center to take a class, play sports and much more.

About Family Dynamics

Family Dynamics reaches thousands of families throughout Central Brooklyn with programs including after-school and summer school activities — as well as workforce readiness, music and the arts. Programs also include internships, family counseling, adult education and a Beacon Community Center located in the heart of Bedford-Stuyvesant. Family Dynamics merged with SCO Family of Services in 1999. SCO Family of Services has provided vital human services throughout New York City and Long Island for more than 100 years and serves more than 60,000 New Yorkers each year.

Tickets are available online at www.family-dynamics.org