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Renaissance Residents Review: featuring work by residents of
Renaissance Village from the Arts Council's Katrina Relief Program

In the

Community Gallery

Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge

January 18 - January 25

Reception: Friday, January 18th from 6 - 9 pm

Community Gallery

427 Laurel Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Free and Open to the Public

9 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

The Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge proudly presents art by residents of the transitional living community, Renaissance Village. For the past year, the Arts Council's Renaissance Arts Program provided classes for all ages including Pottery and Jewelmaking with Quaja Bell, Silk Painting with Omar Muhammed, Painting with Anita Lejuerne, Heritage Crafts with Barbara Franklin, Sculpture with Michael Smith, Acrylics and Basic Drawing with Lori Alexander, and Photography with David Armentor. The instructors are professional artists from the Council's Artist Roster.

The courses and instructors that the Arts Council provides Renaissance Village residents reflect a sampling of the innovative arts learning programs for youth and adults that are offered through the Council's Community School for the Arts.

The Community School for the Arts Coordinator, Robin McAndrew, explained "the exhibition features work from children, adult, and senior residents of Renaissance Village participating in visual and performing arts classes from local professional artists for the past year." The kids are thrilled to have their work shown in the Arts Council's Community Gallery.

The opening reception will include an original short play of a fairytale written by the children in response to their experiences. Todd Henry, local actor and teacher, explained, "They imagined a fairytale land in which Hurricane

Katrina embodied the villain, and in response, they create a "Castle of Courage" and a "Levee of Love."

The Arts Council is able to provide these important services to this community affected by Hurricane Katrina through grants from the Baton Rouge Area Foundation from the Katrina Displaced Residents Fund and the Katrina Education Fund. The Community Gallery is sponsored by Matt and Catherine Saurage. For more information about the exhibitions, contact the Arts Council at 225-344-8558 or visit us online at www.artsbr.org.

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