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### PEEKSKILL PROJECT V ACTIVATES CITY WITH CONTEMPORARY ART Festival Celebrates Art and Community with Exhibitions, Performances and Events

Peekskill Project V

September 29, 2012 – July 28, 2013

Opening Weekend: Sept. 29 – 30, 2012

September 12, 2012 - Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (HVCCA) is pleased to announce the fifth installment of Peekskill Project: a citywide art festival devoted to bringing cutting edge contemporary art out of the museum and into the community. Using the city as a stage, Peekskill Project activates the urban environment and its inhabitants through site-specific art exhibitions, performances and screenings sited in multiple venues throughout Peekskill.

Peekskill Project V is a departure from previous installments of the project, which were limited to a single weekend of events and exhibitions. This year's festival begins with an exciting opening weekend of free exhibitions and programming on September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and continues in a series of monthly events through the end of July 2013. Peekskill Project V programming occurs on second & third Sundays, October 2012 – July 2013.

This year's festival features a wide variety of painting, sculpture, photography, installation, video, film, sound, and performance art by artists working within the Hudson Valley and the Greater New York City region. Artists were chosen by a team of curators: Anna Adler, Cristina Arnold, Paul Clay, Kerry Cox, Evonne Davis & Emma Wilcox, Marcy B. Freedman, Matthew Leonard, Cheryl McGinnis, Wilfredo Morel, Lise Prown, Alix Sloan, Livia Straus, and Lilly Wei.

Visitors of Peekskill Project V can explore the work of over 100 emerging and established contemporary artists in venues throughout the city and within the galleries of HVCCA. Venues include parks, local businesses, former industrial spaces, vacant lots and storefronts. HVCCA is partnering with the City of Peekskill, Paramount Center for the Arts, Peekskill BID, Field Library, Westchester Community College and others for programming and exhibition space. Downtown Peekskill and the Peekskill Waterfront also serve as major sites of the project.

Participating artists include: Justin Allen, Ben Altman, Aranow, Grange, & Mondale, Irina Arnaut, ArtCrime, Brandon Ballengée, Thomas Bangsted, Ali Banisadr, Phyllida Barlow, Itziar Barrio, Johanna Barron, Z Behl, Anonda Bell, Katrina Bello, Sergio Benenson, Erik Benson, Huma Bhabha, Andrea Bianconi, Maider Bilbao, Hu Bing, Judith Braun, Mia Brownell, Sean Carroll, Marcy Chevali, Ryan Jennings Clark, Jennifer Cohen, Margaret Cogswell, Diana Cooper, Pepe Coronado & Alex Guerrero, Grayson Cox, Ian Davis, Brian Doyle, Purdy Eaton, Nicole Eisenman, Cara Enteles, Geoff Feder, Carole Feuerman, Chantel Foretich, Marcy B. Freedman, Matt Frieburghaus, Jeffrey Gibson, Greg Haberny, Charles Harlan, Tommy Hartung, Ellen Harvey, Astra Howard, Ran Hwang, Katarina Jerinic, Oliver Jones, Chris Jordan, Mike Kenney, The Ladies Auxiliary, Virginia Lavado, Lisa Lebofsky, Ryan Lemke, Matthew Leonard, Anya Liffig, Robert Lobe & Kathleen Gilje, LoCurto/Outcault, Marie Lorenz, Nestor Madalengoitia, Tala Madani, Mary Kate Maher, Julie Anne Mann, Nadja Marcin, Armando Marino, Virginia Martinsen, Maureen McCourt & Priscilla Dobler, Charles McGill, Maria Driscoll McMahon, Robin Michals, Alan Michelson, Martha Mysko, Basha Ruth Nelson, Bruce Odland, David Ostro, Brent Owens, Yigal Ozeri, Gene Panczenko, Claudia Passeri, Daniel Phillips, Andy Piedilato, Elisa Pritzker, Andy Ralph, Leon Reid IV, Marko Remec, Corina Reynolds, Asya Reznikov, Daniel Roberts, Camilo Rojas, Jean-Pierre Roy, Brie Ruais, Will

Ryman, Christine Sciulli, Nancy Shaver, Arlene Shechet, Shara Shisheboran, Brooke Singer, Skewville, Matthew Slaats, Willie Wayne Smith, Jonathan Stanish, Chad Stayrook, Kate Sterlin, Ian Swanson, Niko Tavernise, Marc Thompson, Joey Varas, Kai Vierstra, Hanna von Goeler, Ouattara Watts, Adrienne Wheeler, Genevieve White, Song Xin, Lin Yan, Lana Yu, and Michael Zelehoski among others.

#### ABOUT PEEKSKILL PROJECT

Previously organized in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008, Peekskill Project has become a highly anticipated event, attracting thousands of visitors each year and offering children and adults alike the opportunity to explore the city's rich social, cultural and geographic history through the lens of contemporary art.

The City of Peekskill is located in the historic Hudson Valley, a region that has long been a haven and source of inspiration for a diverse range of artists. It is the landscape that inspired the romantic Hudson River School of painting, which beheld nature in its most idyllic form, the untouchable, untamable frontier. Today the region remains a potent source of inspiration and an ideal site to explore the Hudson Valley, the post-industrial city, socio-economic redevelopment, and ecological preservation.

Peekskill Project is organized and implemented by HVCCA in collaboration with local government, organizations, businesses, and property owners. These important partnerships create a wide network of spaces for artists and viewers to investigate.

#### GETTING THERE BY TRAIN:

Peekskill is conveniently located on the Hudson line of the Metro North, about an hour from either Grand Central Station in NYC or the line's northernmost station in Poughkeepsie. For train information, visit [www.mta.info/index.html](http://www.mta.info/index.html).

For more information on Peekskill Project V, including scheduling information, please visit [www.hvcca.org](http://www.hvcca.org) or contact Katrina Ellis at [kellis@hvcca.org](mailto:kellis@hvcca.org).

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