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Media Advisory – TWO Photo Opportunities

**One Thousand Students at Island Park, Led by Student Docents from Riverview High's IB program on Friday, April 20
&
Meet 2012 Artists and Quoters on Tuesday, April 24**

What: More than 1,000 students from Sarasota and Manatee County schools are expected to visit Island Park on April 20 to experience the international art exhibit celebrating diversity, Embracing Our Differences®. The organization provides the field trips free of charge to area schools (to-date more than 14,000 students are registered to attend the exhibit during its 60-day run). The schools participating on April 20 are Manatee School for the Arts, Venice Middle School, Temple Beth Shalom, Riverview High School, Brookside Middle School, Phillipi Shores Elementary, Gocio Elementary, Tillman Elementary, and Bay Haven.

When: Friday, April 20 from 10:00am – 1:00pm

Where: Embracing Our Differences Exhibit; Bayfront, Island Park, Sarasota

Photo Opportunities:

- Capture photos of students viewing the exhibit throughout the day
- Photograph / B-roll & interviews with docents leading student discussions

and

What: Ringling College of Art + Design will host the 2012 Artist and Quoters Reception for Embracing Our Differences honoring students and professional artists/writers whose work is included in this year's exhibit.

The event includes a short program announcing the “Best in Show” winners, a musical performance, and light refreshments.

When: Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00pm

Where: Ringling College of Art & Design, The Ulla Searing Student Center and Exhibition Hall

Photo Opportunities:

- Photograph or shoot video of “Best in Show” winners receiving awards
- Interview artists and quoters featured in the 2012 exhibit
- Videotape program segments & highlights

About Embracing Our Differences

Embracing Our Differences is a project of Coexistence, Inc., a local non-profit that began in 2004. The project showcases a community-based outdoor exhibit promoting positive, inspirational artistic and verbal expressions of inclusion, tolerance, acceptance and respect.

The mission of Embracing Our Differences is to use the arts as a catalyst for creating awareness and promoting, throughout our community, the value of diversity, the benefits of inclusion and the significance of the active rejection of hatred and prejudice.

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