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STARLIGHT STUDIO HAS FULL SLATE OF FALL HAPPENINGS

Starlight Studio and Art Gallery has a busy fall on tap, including two shows, a holiday showcase, screenings of its documentary *Of One Mind*, and last but not least, a public art project that includes the building of a woolly mammoth in a lot on the West Side of Buffalo.

The opening reception for work by artists Adrian Bertolone and Denton Crawford, is Friday, September 9th, from 6-9 PM at Starlight Gallery, 340 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202. Work by the Starlight Artists, Ron Steele, Jeremy Pratt, and Saeed Dubaishi will also be on display.

On Friday October 7th, from 6-9 PM, Starlight will host the opening reception for Starlight Artist Mathew Sharp, with an accompanying artist to be announced.

The gallery's Winter Open House will be held Saturday, December 3rd, from 1-4 PM, featuring original artwork from Starlight's 42 artists. All of the receptions are free and open to the public.

The documentary, *Of One Mind*, produced by Starlight Studio artists and Squeaky Wheel Film and Media Art Center, consists of four short episodes that feature conversations between Starlight artists and artists from the community who share common ground. The pairs: Ani Hoover and Debi Wicks, Ken Payne and Chace Lobley, Amanda Besl and Kimber Rodgers, and Kevin Kline and Jeremy Pratt, discuss their work, interests, and how art affects their lives. Funding for the documentary was received from the Community Arts and Arts Education Grant, funded by the New York State Council of the Arts through Arts Services Initiative of Western New York.

The largest project coming out of Starlight Studio this fall will be the construction of a six-foot tall woolly mammoth, designed by Starlight artist Chace Lobley, on the West Side of Buffalo. This sculpture is part of CEPA Gallery's West Side Lots Project, a series of temporary site-specific public art commissions, according to CEPA "that will transform vacant lots, remnants what was once urban blight on Buffalo's West Side, into vibrant, engaging, and interactive public displays" through works from professional local, national, and international artists. Once completed, the mammoth will be installed in a vacant parcel on Helen Street. More information about the project can be found in the prospectus:
http://www.cepagallery.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/WSL_Prospectus.pdf

Starlight is also continuing to expand its reach in the community. Several artists' works were purchased for the recently opened Roswell Park Scott Bieler Clinical Sciences Center, and artists also donated their artwork from their *Save the Elephants* exhibit to a benefit for World Elephant Day, at Amherst Audubon Library on August 11. Proceeds will benefit The Elephant Sanctuary

in Tennessee.

For more information about any of the events or Starlight Art Gallery, please contact Katharine Cassens at kcassens@ldaofwny.org or (716) 874-7200, ext. 137, or visit the Starlight website at www.starlightstudio.org.

For more information about the 2016 Exhibition Schedule, please visit Starlight on [Facebook](#) or www.starlightstudio.org.

Starlight Studio and Art Gallery 2016 Main Gallery Exhibition Schedule

Opening Reception: **Friday, September 2nd 2016**

Artists: ADRIAN BERTOLONE & DENTON CRAWFORD

with: Ron Steele, Jeremy Pratt, & Saeed Dubaishi

On-View: 9/2/16- 9/23/16

Opening Reception: **Friday, October 7th 2016**

Artist: Starlight Artist MATHEW SHARP

On-View: 9/26/16- 11/11/16

Holiday Open House: **Saturday, December 3rd 2016**

Artist: STARLIGHT STUDIO ARTISTS

On-View: 11/28/16- 12/30/16

Created by the Learning Disabilities Association of Western New York (LDA of WNY) in 2005, Starlight Studio and Art Gallery is the first studio of its kind in WNY. Starlight is a vibrant art studio located in downtown Buffalo that supports adults with disabilities in their artistic development. Starlight's public gallery features exhibits by the artists of Starlight Studio as well other artists. For more information visit www.starlightstudio.org