



Women's Caucus for Art National Conference
“Digging Deeper to Build New Paradigms”
Boston Sheraton, February 20-21, 2006

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National Exhibition Spotlights Local Talent for “Vital Voices: Women's Visions”

The National Juried Exhibition “Vital Voices: Women’s Visions” will be held at the Brandeis University Women’s Studies Research Center Kniznick Gallery in conjunction with the February Boston Conference for the National Women’s Caucus for Art. Jurors Raphaela Platow, curator of the Rose Art Museum at Brandeis University, and Wendy Kaplan Tarlow, curator of the Brandeis University Women’s Studies Research Center Kniznick Gallery, selected 38 works of art from over 2000 images. This multimedia show addresses many issues related to women’s lives. What are challenges faced uniquely by women? How do women inspire or empower others? How are women affected by the social constructions of gender? Why are the voices of women so vital and how can we ensure that they are heard? These are just a few of the ideas that the artists selected explore through art in order to create dialogue, awareness, and activism around challenges faced by women.

This national exhibition includes works by the following Boston area artists:

June Blanco (Brookline)	Betty Bolivar (Cambridge)
Noon Coda (West Medford)	Emily Corbato (West Newton)
Erica Daborn (Gloucester)	Kathy A. Halamka (Wellesley)
Dorothy Simpson Krause (Marshfield)	Christy Romanick (Weston)
Eleanor Rubin (West Newton)	Joan Ryan (East Boston)
Youxin Yang (Chestnut Hill)	

Opening Public Reception, Tuesday, February 7

WCA Conference Reception, Monday February 20, 8 pm which also features the WCA International Juried Video Screening

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About the Conference: Women’s Caucus for Art - Boston Chapter announces that the National Conference for the Women’s Caucus for Art, “Digging Deeper to Build New Paradigms” will run from February 20-21, 2006 at the Sheraton Boston in conjunction with the College Art Association National Conference. (Visit www.wcaboston.org for in depth information). The Keynote Speaker is noted artist, writer, and activist Coco Fusco from Columbia University. This conference returns to Boston for the first time in a decade and features over 70 academic panelists including local notables: writer and critic Christine Temin; the editor of *Art New England* Barbara O’Brien; curator and director of the Mills Gallery of the Boston Center for the Arts Laura Donaldson; historian Patricia Hill (BU); and artists Judy Haberl (Mass Art), Ellen Driscoll (RISD) and Mags Harries (SMFA). The conference will conclude with an award ceremony to honor the National Lifetime Achievement Award winners Eleanor Antin, Marisol Escobar, Elinor Gadon (Brandeis), and Yayoi Kusama.