

## A New Buzz at HAI



For the first time, HAI exhibited Outsider art at a major national art fair. The *Intuit Show of Folk and Outsider Art* took place at the end of April at **The Merchandise Mart in Chicago**. Staff members Quimetta Perle and Ancil Shepherd were at the HAI booth to show work by HAI's Outsider Artists – the unique group of artists who have been historically associated with the beginnings of HAI's exhibition program – including well known artists Ray Hamilton, Lady Shalimar Montague and Irene Phillips. Rodney Thornblad's most recent major work, *Battle of Hastings #3*, was also featured. Laura Anne Walker and Melvin "Milky" Way, who also currently participate in HAI workshops, showed some of their recent creations. *Bee* by Joe Simms, shown above, was on display. Simms creates his work at The Art Center in Orange, Virginia, and has been a very popular exhibitor in the annual **Outsider Art: SURVEY** since 2005 at The Gallery at HAI. The Intuit Show included both commercial and nonprofit galleries specializing in Outsider art from across the US. The show was part of *Artropolis*, a Chicago citywide initiative celebrating the arts, antiques and culture.



**THE INTUIT SHOW**  
FOLK AND OUTSIDER ART

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The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL

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## **This May, HAI will provide Hope And Inspiration to an audience totaling 22,200 at 1,324 events.**

**hai** HAI's **Cultural Events Program (CEP)** opens the world of concert halls, theaters and other venues to individuals who are culturally isolated due to mental or physical disability, age or frailty. Featured in May:

### **UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS \* RADIO GOLF \* DIVA JAZZ ORCHESTRA**

- ▷ HAI's **Community Cabaret Series**, supported by the New York State Music Fund, will present **Sherry Maricle** and the **Diva Jazz Orchestra** at Hostos Center for the Arts in the Bronx on May 10th at 2pm. For ticket information please call (212) 575-7660.
- ▷ The two **Omni\*Buses** enable people who are bed confined and those using wheelchairs to enjoy life outside of institutions. In May, the Omni\*Buses have 41 trips scheduled, including trips to New York area Botanical Gardens, Belmont Racetrack, Westchester Broadway Theater, Coney Island, MoMA, Yankee baseball games, harbor cruises, South Street Seaport, Liberty Science Center and picnics in various parks.
- ▷ **Describe!** makes theater performances accessible through live audio description for visually impaired and blind individuals.
- ▷ Members of **Tickets To Go**, HAI's senior discount ticket program, will attend **Crazy Mary, Coram Boy**, the **New York City Ballet** and **Klezmerized**, among other cultural events.
- ▷ Through HAI's **STEP Program**, New York City public school students have purchased tickets to Broadway shows **Mary Poppins, The Lion King, Tarzan, Legally Blonde, Phantom of the Opera** and **Mamma Mia** and the Off-Broadway show **BE**. These arrangements are made possible through a vendor agreement with the NYC Department of Education.

**hai** Who says the Yiddish language is dead? In May, the **On-Site Performance Program** will present two new On-Site artists, who will be performing for Yiddish speaking audiences: Naava Piatka at Carnegie Hill East Senior Residence and Genette Lane at Goddard Riverside Senior Center. Also appearing in May will be the Buglisi Dance Company at Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center; Orlando Marin, "The Last Mambo King," at University Nursing Home; and poet-performer George Tait at Encore 49 Residence and Riverdale Manor.

**hai** During May, the **Youth Leadership and Education Program** will present HIV Prevention Workshops, **RESPECT, Peace by Peace** and **Take Ya Time** performances at mental health facilities, homeless shelters, New York City public schools, and facilities run by the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice. For more information, contact Patricia Reitkopf at preitkopf@hospaud.org or (212) 575-7681.

**hai** HAI's **Arts Workshop Program** provides hands-on experiences led by professional artists in music, dance, drama, visual and media arts for people with disabilities. The National Endowment for the Arts just announced its new round of awards that includes a \$20,000 grant to HAI for **The Gallery at HAI** and **The Saturday Studio**. Funding will assist in maintaining a professional level of presentation in The Gallery as well as the high quality of the media arts component in The Studio. The Studio is available to adults with mental disabilities who seek an opportunity to express their individual artistic ideals in an intensive program.

HAI continues to make participatory arts workshop series available on a fee-for-service basis to programs serving mentally disabled adults and children. For more information, contact Betty Marks at emarks@hospaud.org or (212) 575-7696.

**hai** **The Gallery at HAI** exhibits art by self-taught Outsider artists with mental disabilities and is also available to community groups for exhibition. The Gallery will be hosting an exhibit by **FreshArt** entitled "*Magical Mystery Tour: Reflections of Inner and Outer Journeys*" opening May 3 and continuing through June 14.

For more information please visit our website at <http://www.hospaud.org>

### **This May, HAI will reach a projected audience of 22,200 at 1,324 events...through the:**

<b>Cultural Events Program</b>	<b>5,000 at 60 events</b>
<b>On-Site Performance Program</b>	<b>1,000 at 180 performances</b>
<b>Arts Workshop Program</b>	<b>12,000 at over 1,000 hours of workshops</b>
<b>Prevention Education Program</b>	<b>4,200 at over 84 workshops</b>