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BALTIMORE MAYOR TO SPEAK AT RECEPTION HONORING VISITING ARTIST FROM ROTTERDAM

RECEPTION DECEMBER 17, 2013

The Baltimore-Rotterdam Sister City Committee (BRSCC) will host a reception for Rotterdam artist Kathie diStefano on December 17, 2013 at Chesapeake Arts Center. The reception celebrates and honors diStefano's collaboration with garden educator Jason Reed and celebrates the participants of their workshops in the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay neighborhood. diStefano's December 2013 artist residency in Baltimore is part of the BRSCC's ongoing artist exchange project: *HarborTraces*.

To recognize this endeavor, the Honorable Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake plans to deliver remarks at the December 17 reception. The December 2013 *HarborTraces* activities dovetail with the city's campaigns to advance neighborhood revitalization and improve urban life by making neighborhoods cleaner and greener.

RECEPTION DETAILS

DATE: December 17, 2013
TIME: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
LOCATION: [Chesapeake Arts Center](#)
ADDRESS: 194 Hammonds Lane
Brooklyn Park, MD 21225

This event is free and open to the public.

ABOUT THE ARTIST RESIDENCY

Kathie diStefano employs participatory techniques and theatre art to create awareness with youth and seniors about the environment through creative strategies to recycle and make smart consumer decisions in Heijplaat area of Rotterdam. During diStefano's December artist residency in Brooklyn-Curtis Bay, she is collaborating with Jason Reed, a garden educator and Open Society Institute Fellow, to conduct a series of projects and workshops for community residents, teachers, and students. Participating schools include Benjamin Franklin High School (BFHS), Baybrook Elementary School, Harborview Elementary School, and Maree Gannett Faring Elementary School.

HarborTraces is an integral part of BRSCC's mission: to promote cooperation, mutual understanding and friendship between residents of Baltimore and Rotterdam. The December 2013 artist residency:

- Gives an international community perspective to the classroom
- Helps build bridges between the similar cities so that we can learn from each other
- Aims to establish international partnerships for arts education with an emphasis on community engagement and sustainability

For more information about the artist exchange and Baltimore-Rotterdam Sister City Committee, visit harbortraces.org

Institutions supporting diStefano's December artist residency:

Masonville Cove Environmental Educational Center (MCEEC), Baltimore Aquarium and Living Classrooms, Filbert Street Community Garden, UMBC students, and the Baltimore-Rotterdam Sister City Committee. Financial support for this residency provided by the Baltimore Rotary Club.



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