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Celebrate New Haven: A Collaborative City-Wide Photo Collage Reception and Remarks

WHAT: Reception and remarks for ***Celebrate New Haven: A Collaborative City-Wide Photo Collage***. Join us for the unveiling of all ten murals, refreshments, and remarks from **Mayor Toni Harp; City Librarian, Martha Brogan; NHFPL Board President, Mike Morand and Connecticut artist Rashmi!**

WHEN: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 5:30 – 7:30PM

WHERE: Ives Main Library, Lower Level Performance Area | 133 Elm Street, New Haven

The New Haven Free Public Library and Connecticut artist Rashmi teamed up for *Celebrate New Haven: A Collaborative City-Wide Photo Collage* – created by the New Haven community at all five library locations. Participants submitted photographs of the City of New Haven and its neighborhoods, which were used as elements in ten large murals. Each library created two collage panels; one to remain on view at the neighborhood library and the other to be part of a six-panel installation at the Ives Main Library, representing the New Haven Free Public Library system and its neighborhoods.

Celebrate New Haven is generously supported by a Public Art Community Grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts.

About Rashmi

Rashmi is a professional artist with a fine arts degree from Bombay, India with additional specialization in photography and ceramics. Her work reflects her extensive travels through photo collages, ink drawings and 3D sculptures. Her work has been exhibited and has been purchased by private collectors in USA, India, and Europe.

Since immigrating to Connecticut in 1991, Rashmi has involved herself in the local art community and has exhibited her paintings, drawings, collages and installations across Connecticut as well as in New York. She has given lectures about her work statewide and in corporate settings and organizations, including the New Britain Museum of American Art and GE Financial. Rashmi has received a visual arts fellowship from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism and grants from the CT Office of the Arts Regional Grant Initiative program through the Arts Council of Greater New Haven as well as the current grant from the CT Office of the Arts Public Art Community Projects program.

She has served as a co-coordinator and the director, for City-Wide Open Studios and is currently on the Visual Arts Advisory Group at the Arts Council of New Haven.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 620,000 library patrons through its doors each year. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the ReadMobile

bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Wilson and Stetson.

The New Haven Free Public Library's mission is to ensure all New Haven's citizens have full and unlimited access to information and knowledge so that they may meet the needs of daily living, have opportunities for self-education, and participate successfully in self-government.

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