Hartford, CT - In celebration of Black History Month, Capital Community College is accepting art samples and holding auditions for the College’s Urban/Graffiti Art Exhibition to be held in the Conrad L. Mallett Gallery, **February 1-29, 2008**. There will be an artist’s reception February 22nd from 5-7 p.m.

This exhibition will showcase Hartford area artists in the visual and performing arts categories. Qualified artists should live in the Greater Hartford area and must submit a sample of their visual art work or audio/video audition tapes for submissions in performance art. Contact information and category identification must be clearly indicated on all submissions.

“The exhibition was conceived to give young artists who have been less represented in Greater Hartford an opportunity to express themselves in an educational environment,” said Pedro Valentin, Capital art professor and director of the gallery. “These energetic artists in our own backyard deliver messages about the world around us, and their insights and expressions about life and social problems deserve to be heard.”

**Categories include:** Graffiti Art, Music, Urban Sculpture, Urban Orators, Poetry, MC/Rap, Film, Animation, Dance, Clothing, Hairstyle, Food

**Method of submission:** Audio/video tape auditions, portfolio (photographs or prints only, no actual art accepted), menu samples. No samples will be returned unless otherwise arranged with the artist.

**Deadline:** All submissions must be postmarked or delivered on or before January 8, 2008, to:

**Pedro Valentin, Capital Community College, 950 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103**

If you have any questions concerning submissions or the exhibition, please call Pedro Valentin at (860) 906-5201 or email pvalentin@ccc.commnet.edu

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