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Press Release

Artists & Writers Wanted for Celebration of Diversity

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Embracing Our Differences, the perennial art display celebrating diversity, is seeking artistic submissions for the 2008 community exhibition to be held April 1-30 along Sarasota Bay at Island Park.

Now entering its fifth consecutive year, Embracing Our Differences features 39 billboard-sized images created by professional and aspiring artists. The original works of art reflect the artists' interpretation of the Embracing Our Differences message, which is "enriching lives through diversity." The exhibit also includes quotations and poetry promoting diversity, respect and the rejection of prejudices. Organizers estimate more than 400,000 visitors have toured the moving visual display since its inception in 2004.

The call for submissions is open to people of all ages and amateur artists as well as professionals. For the first time in 2008, Embracing Our Differences is able to offer cash prizes of \$1,000 each in adult and student categories and \$500 for a People's Choice award. All artwork must be submitted in both electronic and proof form in a 12.8-inch by 8.8-inch format. The submission deadline is January 8, 2008. Multiple entries are allowed, and those artists whose work is selected will be notified by March, 2008.

Submission forms for art or quotations are available at the website, www.embracingourdifferences.org, or

via email info@embracingourdifferences.org.

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Embracing Our Differences is a project of CoExistence, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit Florida corporation. Started in 2004, the project showcases a community-based outdoor exhibit promoting positive, inspirational artistic and verbal expressions of inclusion, tolerance, acceptance and respect. For more details, call 941.928.0567.