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Saratoga Bridges' artists succeed at Voice! 10

On Friday, July 18th, artists Erica, Sarah, Amanda, Shannon and Sue from Saratoga Bridges' Creative Endeavors attended the Voice! 10 Art Show opening reception at the Martin-Mullen Art Gallery on the SUNY Oneonta campus. Accompanied by their staff Lena Benvenuto, Catherine Spaneas and Melissa Benish, they had a wonderful evening.

The ladies had submitted pieces to the juried show and were chosen to be included with 294 pieces from 25 counties across the state. Sue and Shannon had a collaborative piece included as well. The artists from Saratoga Bridges have done exceedingly well each year as their dedication and hard work has reaped results. Out of the 12 awards in 2014, totaling \$8,000 in prize money, their artists were much acclaimed --

Erica won 1st place for her 20" x 16" acrylic painting "City Dusk Lights". She received a \$300 prize for her efforts. Erica says, "This work represents a beautiful use of paint that creates layers of space and geometry and a nuanced sense of place."

Sarah won 3rd place for 1'x14" mixed media collage of her brother entitled "Ryan". She received a \$200 prize. Sarah states, "This work seems like a tribute to someone special. The good balance in the use of found objects, materials and painting, along with details such as the very specific buttons, carefully chosen, make viewing the work a lovely experience."

In its 10th year, Voice! is sponsored by The Arc Otsego as a means of celebrating the creative voices of artists with developmental disabilities from NYS. Most importantly, Voice! never fails to joyfully, exuberantly and thoughtfully remind us of the power of art to transcend disability and stereotypes to reveal their common ground and celebrate their unique abilities.

Saratoga Bridges has been providing the highest level of programs to people with developmental disabilities and their families for more than 55 years by promoting their abilities and achievements in every aspect of community life. As one of the largest private non-profit organizations in Saratoga County, they have been committed to ensuring that the individuals they serve are able to realize their goals, hopes and dreams as they work, shop, play, and volunteer while leading full, productive and contributing lives. This voluntary service provider believes that the care they give increases immeasurably the quality of life for every citizen. Saratoga Bridges' philosophy is that every day is full of possibilities!