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**SOLO EXHIBITION IN RECOGNITION OF DISABILITIES AWARENESS
MONTH OPENS AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – “Alex Masket: A View with a Room” opens in the Kresge Gallery in the Berrie Center at Ramapo College of New Jersey on September 1 and continues through October 6. A reception and talk by the artist’s mother, Elaine Masket, and filmmaker Dennis Connors will be held on October 6 at 5 p.m. in the Sharp Auditorium. Connors’s award winning documentary film “Breaking Boundaries: the Art of Alex Masket” will be shown and discussed, followed by a gallery reception.

This solo exhibition emphasizes Masket’s uninhibited, bold use of color and his facility with unconventional media. Masket’s intricately composed and beautifully balanced work is dominated by color and form. The 23-year-old artist is severely autistic and entirely self-taught. An important component of the display at Ramapo is a recreation of the artist’s room. The exhibition incorporates a variety of media ranging from paint and vinyl stickers to colored duct tape.

Masket’s work has been receiving increasing acclaim and was featured in the May/June 2010 issue of Utne Reader and on the cover of the arts magazine Esopus, as well as in Rutgers Magazine and Rutgers’ Byrne Seminars Course Catalogue. His exhibitions have included “Masket” at One Gallery in Newark, NJ; and various solo and group exhibitions including the Arts Council of Princeton, and the Newark Arts Council’s “Open Doors.” Numerous upcoming exhibition projects include the Riverfront Art Gallery, Yonkers, NY and the Regina A. Quick Arts Center at St. Bonaventure University.

The exhibition is presented in recognition of Disabilities Awareness Month and co-sponsored by the Office of Specialized Services. This project is supported in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 1 through 5 p.m. and Wednesdays 1 through 7 p.m. Special Sunday hours: Sunday, October 3 only, 1 through 5 p.m.

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