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HIGHLOW Project Street Exhibit: Youth Photography Installation at the BCA Center and across Vermont

Burlington, VT: (Monday, August 22, 2011) Burlington City Arts is pleased to announce *The HIGHLOW Project Street Exhibit*. Presented by the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs (VCRHYP), the *Street Exhibit* will be on display in Montpelier, Burlington, on the exterior of the BCA Center on Church Street and other locations, and in Rutland, Vermont during the months of August, September, and October. The project portrays the experiences of at-risk youth in VT through large-scale photographs to be hung on building exteriors—along with audio accessible through a toll-free call in system.

In 2009 and 2010, Photographer Ned Castle partnered with at-risk, runaway and homeless youth in Vermont to produce an illustration of the experiences that have shaped their lives. *The HIGHLOW Exhibit* pairs 11 sets of large-scale diptych photographs with recorded personal stories of these youth at contrasting high and low moments during their lives. The project has been exhibited throughout Vermont in traditional and non-traditional gallery settings. In Burlington, youth from Spectrum Youth and Family Services are serving as the curators of the exhibit—selecting the locations, determining which images to place in each location, and helping to install the artwork. The exterior wall of the BCA Center on Church Street was chosen as one of the *Street Exhibit* locations. “The BCA Center is the artistic hub of the downtown area, so our youth curators felt it would be an ideal location for one

of our 'street pieces.' BCA has been a huge help in extending their relationships with area businesses and property owners to get the permissions that have allowed us to place artwork on buildings throughout the downtown," says project partner and photographer Ned Castle.

In Burlington the installation is scheduled for August 25th, with a rain date of August 26th, beginning at 9AM and concluding in the afternoon/evening. An accompanying booklet will be available at local businesses detailing locations and information about the project.

Sara Katz, Assistant Director of Burlington City Arts says, "The HIGHLOW Project brings together BCA's longstanding commitment to arts accessibility and youth. We are proud to support and promote the work of these talented young artists."

Project partner and photographer Ned Castle is a native Vermonter whose photographic work has ranged from documentary and ethnographic to conceptual art. A graduate of Williams College, Castle attended photography schools in Florence, Italy and New York City. His projects, including *In Their Own Words* and *Indigenous Expression*, have been exhibited across Vermont.

The HIGHLOW Project Street Exhibit is an important part of Burlington City Arts, celebrating 30 years of supporting the arts, 1981-2011, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit BURLINGTONCITYARTS.ORG.

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