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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **New Multi-floor Exhibition of Design and Kites at The BCA Center in June**

Burlington, VT: (Wednesday, May 25, 2011) Burlington City Arts is pleased to announce the latest exhibition of contemporary art at The BCA Center on Church Street, entitled *Thought Bombers*, featuring designers from the Burlington firm JDK Design, opening Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a reception and artist talk from 5-8pm. This exhibition also features kites created by students of the Integrated Arts and Sustainability Academies in Burlington, being displayed on the Fourth Floor of The BCA Center beginning on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Students, designers and the public will be invited to Waterfront Park in Burlington on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from noon - 3pm for a kite flying festival.

In the exhibition *Thought Bombers*, artist and designer Michael Jager and his team of designers from JDK Design collaborate on the creation of one-of-a-kind kites meant to evoke imagery of grand ideas, personal goals, self reflection and emotions that exist above and beyond our earthly lives. Over the spring semester and throughout the exhibition, artists will engage the community in the gallery and in area schools in kite-making to create vibrant individualized expressions of personal narratives. The classroom workshops will culminate in an outdoor kite flying festival at Waterfront Park on June 12<sup>th</sup> featuring music, food and kite flying for everyone. The community kites will be on display on the 4th floor of the BCA Center for the duration of the summer. The exhibition will transform the first floor gallery with kites by JDK designers and will include original films and regular kite-making workshops for visitors. Highlighting Jager and his team's twenty years of creative output, including snowboard and product design, and inspired by the

legacy of 1960's activist-artist-nun Sister Corita, this exhibition creates a unique fusion of community activism, graphic design and personal expression.

From June 17<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>, in a unique combination of community and contemporary art, the BCA Center's fourth floor gallery will feature a kaleidoscope of children's kites created in the artist-lead workshops at Burlington's Integrated Arts and Sustainability Academies. In addition it will include a documentary film by Aaron Rose, director of the film *Beautiful Losers*, on the life and work of 1960's activist-artist-nun Sister Corita, whose legacy inspired this exhibition.

**Important Dates & Events:**

**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5-8pm:** *Thought Bombers* opening reception and artist talk.

Exhibition runs through August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at The BCA Center.

**Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm:** *Thought Bombers Workshops*

Create and build kites on First Fridays at The BCA Center with the designers from JDK.

Twenty to thirty people per workshop on a first come, first serve basis. Free.

**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 3pm:** *Thought Bombers Kite Festival*

Join students from Burlington schools at Waterfront Park in Burlington for an outdoor kite flying festival featuring music, food and fun! Festival goers can bring their own kite, or create one on site!

**Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Community Kites opening on the Fourth Floor of The BCA Center*

Students of the Integrated Arts and Sustainability Academies display their kites, through August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

*Thought Bombers* 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. The 2011 exhibition year is underwritten by Free Press Media. Opening events are generously donated by Catering by Dale. *Thought Bombers* is sponsored by Leunig's Bistro, Seven Days Newspaper, and Walsh & Associates, A Division of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

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