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### **Grace Institute Gallery Celebrates the American Flag**

New York, New York - Grace Institute Art Gallery is celebrating this 2008 election year by presenting a special exhibition featuring the American Flag, entitled ***Our Flag***. The show will run from **September 29<sup>th</sup> through November 7<sup>th</sup>** in conjunction with our Student Voter Registration drive being held from September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>. This show supports Grace Institute's desire to enrich its educational program through art. Educational and historical information about the American Flag in art will be provided during the exhibition.

Artists have been invited to submit works of art that depict the American Flag. Mediums included are collage, mixed media, painting, printmaking, and photographs. The artists in this exhibition are from many different cultures and backgrounds, each having adopted the American Flag as their own and portraying it through their artwork. The opening reception will be held **Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm**.

Our Student Voter Registration Drive will enable students here at Grace to learn and understand the importance of their vote. Students will attend informational lectures on **October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>** presented by the League of Women Voters and other organizations.

The Grace Institute Gallery marks its sixth anniversary in 2008. In that time, more than 60 artists have displayed their work, putting Grace Institute on the New York City gallery map. Many of those artists have made generous gifts and loans of their artwork to the Grace Gallery permanent collection. Students, staff, and visitors alike enjoy the cultural enrichment these exhibits bring to Grace Institute and the community.

As it has for over 100 years, Grace Institute provides tuition-free, practical job training in a supportive learning community for underserved New York area women of all ages and from many different backgrounds. In the tradition of its founding family, Grace is dedicated to the development of the personal and business skills necessary for self-sufficiency, employability and an improved quality of life.