



## The Horticultural Society of New York

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### For Immediate Release:

#### *SPROUT*

#### An Exhibition of New York City Children's Art

February 13 – March 7, 2008

Please join us in celebrating an exciting addition to The Horticultural Society of New York's exhibition and education programs. The opening reception for *SPROUT: An Exhibition of New York City Children's Art* will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 12; at our beautiful professional gallery space in HSNY's vibrant headquarters on West 37<sup>th</sup> Street.

Focusing on the inspiration of botany and urban green spaces, both real and imagined, the exhibition will showcase artwork by Julia Kunin and Alessandra Exposito's Third Grade students at The Allen-Stevenson School, as well as work by public school students who participate in The Horticultural Society's *AppleSeed* Education Program, which provides hands-on horticulture projects and lessons that boost the science curricula at under-served schools throughout New York. In total, *SPROUT* will be bursting with over 90 works of art by Kindergarten-Fifth grade students; by combining efforts from both private and public schools, the exhibition promises to give a broad look at how nature plays a vital role in the creative lives of all children in our shared City.

We are thrilled to offer a new venue for the amazing talent and inspiration of New York's children, and for the opening of the exhibition we will have food provided by Whole Foods, and live music! We will also have fun raffle prizes and gift bags donated by our partners around the City, including family memberships to the Museum of Modern Art and Brooklyn Botanic Garden, free classes at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, products from Organic Valley and more. *SPROUT* is the launch of an adventurous year of new children's exhibitions and family programs, bringing together art, literature, gardening, environmental science and fun that only The Horticultural Society can offer. We look forward to celebrating the wonderful creativity of your children and their classmates and we hope to see you there!

Founded in 1900 and incorporated in 1902, HSNY's mission is to enhance our City's environmental and cultural life by providing unique educational, vocational, and therapeutic outreach programs, library resources, and art exhibitions.

As a cultural institution, HSNY's Exhibitions Program encourages a public appreciation and understanding of fine art in the realm of horticulture. This unique exhibitions program is dedicated to showing painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, video and other works specifically created around the ideas and tenets of horticulture.

The Gallery at The Horticultural Society of New York is open Monday - Friday from 11am - 6pm and by appointment. For further information, please contact: Jodie Vicenta Jacobson, HSNY Curator at 212.757.0915 ext.113, email: [jjacobson@hsny.org](mailto:jjacobson@hsny.org) or visit [www.hsnny.org](http://www.hsnny.org).