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## **Student Artists, Express Yourselves! The Hartford Announces Online Student Art Exhibition Celebrating COEXISTENCE**

*First 20 schools submitting entries of their students' work will receive \$250 Staples gift card to support in-class art programs*

*Selected student artwork to be displayed virtually on the company's Coexistence exhibition Web page at [www.thehartford.com/coexistence](http://www.thehartford.com/coexistence)*

HARTFORD, Conn. – This spring, the World Headquarters campus of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: HIG) will become the staging ground for an important, thought-provoking outdoor art exhibition, COEXISTENCE. As part of The Hartford's celebration, the company is calling on Connecticut schools and their students to honor the themes of diversity and acceptance by participating in a student art exhibition.

“This student art exhibition is an example of how COEXISTENCE can bring our communities together in a thoughtful, positive way,” said Honorary Committee Co-Chair and Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell. “I look forward to checking in on The Hartford's Coexistence Website to see how our young people interpret this important theme.”

Honorary Committee Co-Chair and Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez added, “We are pleased that The Hartford is helping to bring such critical messages as diversity and acceptance to the forefront for our children. As the 2006-2007 school year comes to a close, I invite schools to participate and use this exhibition to encourage dialogue on these important topics.”

Open to the public from May 26 through June 17, 2007, COEXISTENCE is an international traveling show comprised of approximately 45 large-scale works that focus on the universal messages of diversity and acceptance. The exhibition was initiated and created by curator Raphie Etgar and the Museum on the Seam in Jerusalem supported by the von Holtzbrinck family of Germany.

The Hartford encourages students to celebrate COEXISTENCE/2

All Connecticut elementary and secondary students in public and private schools, as well as home-schooled students, are welcome to participate in the exhibition. Students are encouraged to express themselves artistically on the important themes of diversity, understanding and compassion. Each school can submit up to five representative posters, which should be selected on the basis of originality, artistic merit and clarity of theme. The first 20 schools to submit entries by May 25 will receive a \$250 Staples gift card.

Artwork must be a painting, drawing, collage or any other two-dimensional work and must be on a sheet of paper, card stock or posterboard no larger than 11 x 17 inches (either vertical or horizontal). Students are also encouraged to title their artwork and submit an artist's statement that describes their work. Artist statements will accompany images displayed in the virtual art exhibition. Artwork that is submitted to The Hartford for inclusion in the student art gallery must include the student's name, grade, school, artist's statement, title of work, and home mailing address. Artwork may be submitted to The Hartford through June 17, 2007, and will remain online until the end of 2007.

How to submit your artwork: Artwork can be mailed or hand delivered to: Coexistence Student Art, c/o Judie Bergstrom, The Hartford, One Hartford Plaza, Hartford, CT 06155. Artwork can also be submitted digitally. Digital files should be submitted electronically to [coexistenceforkids@comcast.net](mailto:coexistenceforkids@comcast.net) in either TIFF, JPEG or PDF format.

All selected artwork will be on display in The Hartford's virtual student coexistence art gallery at [www.thehartford.com/coexistence](http://www.thehartford.com/coexistence). Artwork must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, of a size sufficiently large to contain the artwork unfolded, in order to be returned.

The Hartford reserves the right to copy and modify any entry for reproduction and inclusion on its website.

For more information regarding COEXISTENCE and related community events, visit [www.thehartford.com/coexistence](http://www.thehartford.com/coexistence), contact [coexistence.hartford@gmail.com](mailto:coexistence.hartford@gmail.com) or call 860-547-2239.

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