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Children's Book Illustrator Adjoa Burrowes to Exhibit Original and Interactive Art for Children at ARTiculate Gallery†

Washington, DC – June 15, 2006 –DC's only full-time youth art exhibition space, the ARTiculate Gallery, will host an interactive exhibit of original artwork by award-winning illustrator and author Adjoa Burrowes. ***Kisses to the Sun*, opens with a reception on July 13, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, and runs through August 8.** The ARTiculate Gallery is located at the corner of 16th and L Streets NW, downtown.†

Adjoa Burrowes, a Chicago native, received her BFA degree from Howard University's College of Fine Arts. Her artwork, a unique style of cut-paper collage, is characterized by vibrant colors and positive images. She has illustrated 17 picture books, including *Grandma's Purple Flowers*, which she authored as well. *Grandma* was an American Booksellers Association Kids Pick of the List winner, a Bank Street College Kids Book of the Year selection, and a first-place winner of the 2001 Paterson Prize for Books for Young People.†

Ms. Burrowes presents workshops nationwide for children, teachers and adults, including her current workshops for the National Museum of Women in the Arts "Bridging Communities" and "Arts, Books, and Community" programs. Several of Adjoa's pieces are currently on tour in a traveling exhibition called *Picture Stories: A Celebration of African American Illustrators*, which showed at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN and scheduled for the Eric Carle Museum in Amherst, MA, among many others.†

Ms. Burrowes work is well represented in the District. She was recently selected by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities as one of 12 artists for a large-scale outdoor exhibit called ARTWALK. The ARTWALK, titled *Metamorphosis*, is located on 10th Street NW, between New York Avenue and H Street, and features 12 works, each 7 feet tall by 24 feet wide. Additionally, Adjoa will soon complete a large mural based on an illustration she did for the children's book, *Destiny's Gift* at the downtown Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. The mural project will be unveiled in July 2006.†

ARTiculate Gallery will feature Adjoa Burrowes work in a child-friendly, interactive exhibit including original framed artwork, framed books, and games allowing young people (or the young-at-heart) to match book text to original illustrations. Ms Burrowes will read from her books at the opening. Her books and original art will be on sale in the Gallery for the duration of the show. †

ARTiculate Gallery is a non-profit gallery, which primarily features work by students in WVSA's ARTiculate Employment Training Program. ARTiculate is an arts-based training program for students ages 14-24 with special needs, skills and abilities. Four to six shows per year feature student work, and all other shows feature youth-relevant artwork. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am to 6 pm. Artwork is also available for sale online at www.wvsarts.org/gallery†

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