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### **Local Brunswick Artist Appointed Curator by VSA arts of Maine**

**Brunswick, ME --** VSA arts of Maine announces the appointment of Matthea Daughtry as the new Curator of the *A Matter of Perception* exhibition of artists with disabilities. Matthea will oversee the two-year cycle of *A Matter of Perception* – from the Call for Art in January 2010 through its touring, juried exhibition in 2011.

Matthea is a Brunswick, Maine native who recently graduated from Smith College in Massachusetts, where she received a degree in Studio Art. While at Smith, Matthea worked as part of a curatorial team involved in several group exhibitions. An artist in her own right, Matthea recently held her first solo show at the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.

*A Matter of Perception* is in its 15th year successfully showcasing the creativity and talent of people with disabilities living in Maine. During 2010, every piece of art submitted will be exhibited at least once at one of 12-14 exhibitions in libraries, schools and community centers across the state. At each installation

jurors select a small number of works to go on to be a part of the second year juried exhibition, which travels to museums and other venues in Maine. For more details about *A Matter of Perception* go to [vsartsmaine.org/artprograms.htm](http://vsartsmaine.org/artprograms.htm)

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### **About VSA arts of Maine**

**VSA arts of Maine** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing innovative and inclusive arts, educational and cultural opportunities for children and adults with disabilities in Maine. Programs include artist residencies in schools, workshops for teachers and artists, apprenticeships for and exhibitions by adult artists with disabilities, and partnerships with cultural venues throughout the state to improve accessibility. For more information, see [www.vsartsmaine.org](http://www.vsartsmaine.org). **VSA arts of Maine** is currently in the process of merging with **ArtVan**. The **ArtVan** program centers around an actual, brightly colored van which brings artists, art therapists, volunteers and equipment to public housing developments, day care and Head Start centers, schools and group homes in Bath/Brunswick, Biddeford/Saco and Lewiston/Auburn.