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Teaching Artist Workshop

Brunswick, ME — VSA arts of Maine will be presenting a workshop for Teaching Artists on **Friday, October 23, from 10am – 3pm** at the Cohen Community Center in Hallowell, Maine. The goal of this workshop is educate teaching artists working in classroom and community arts programs how to adapt their methods and tools to include people with disabilities, giving all a chance for artistic expression.

Workshop participants will be introduced to VSA arts of Maine's *Artist Residency Program for Schools and Communities*. They will learn adaptations and tools to use in their visual and performing arts instruction with which to facilitate people with disabilities. Workshop participants will also get involved in hands-on arts activities, learn disability awareness and practical applications of *Universal Design for Learning* in the Arts Classroom.

This workshop will be presented by Rachel Spatz, Education and Program Director of VSA arts of Maine. Workshop fee is \$15. A light lunch will be provided. **SPACE IS LIMITED!**

For more information or to register, please contact, Rachel Spatz at (207) 930-0190 or rspatz@vsartsmaine.org

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, mentoring for adult artists with disabilities, exhibitions by artists with disabilities, and partnerships with cultural venues throughout the state to improve accessibility.

VSA arts of Maine is part of the VSA arts international network, dedicated to promoting education and lifelong learning opportunities in the arts for people with disabilities. Founded in 1974 by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, VSA arts is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Formerly named Very Special Arts, VSA arts changed its name in 1999, eliminating the use of the word "special" in a move designed to put the focus on the artists' work, rather than on their limitations.