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Volunteer Lawyers For the Arts, Brown Rudnick and Boston Public Schools Team Up to Support Arts Education

*Boston public school students from Roslindale, Dorchester, West Roxbury
and East Boston participate in holiday art contest*

Boston, MA, November 28, 2006 – The Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. (VLA) today announced the winners of its third annual Holiday Card Contest for Boston Public High School students. Created to support arts education in Boston Public Schools, the contest provides an opportunity for educators to engage students in an art enrichment program. The contest was initiated with a grant from The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation and with assistance from the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, as well as through the support of the Boston Public Schools.

Six schools participated in the 2006 art contest: MFA/BPS Scholarship Program, Boston Latin Academy, East Boston High School, Media Communications Technology High School, Another Course To College, and Charlestown High School.

Mr. Jeff Moy, Boston Latin Academy teacher, commented, “With insufficient public funding of arts education programs, there are few opportunities for children to explore their creative abilities. We are grateful for the ingenuity and financial support of private organizations such as the VLA and Brown Rudnick. Their Holiday Card Contest serves an important function in the community: the program raises awareness of the need for art education and offers students a real platform to discover their artistic talents. This is our third year participating in the contest, and we look forward to it every fall.”

This year, there were two first place winners selected: **Ms. Stacey Leonard**, Boston resident and student at the BPS/MFA Scholarship Program, for her untitled artwork; and Roslindale native, **Ms. WanKelley Medina** from the Boston Latin Academy for her painting entitled “Winter Land”.

Second place honors went to Mr. Daniel Fairclough (Boston) from the Boston Latin Academy. The seven honorable mentions went to Patrick Meade (Boston), James Meade (Boston), and Juan F. Gonzalez (East Boston), who are from the BPS/MFA Scholarship program; and Amie Le (Dorchester), Phi Ngo (Boston), Victoria Leggett (West Roxbury) and Sienna DeSantis (Boston), who all attend Boston Latin Academy.

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Contestants were honored at an awards reception on November 16, 2006, which was hosted by the contest sponsor, the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation at the law firm of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP. Each winning student received an award certificate and art supplies.

About the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc.

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. (VLA) is a non-profit organization established to meet the legal needs of the state's artistic community. VLA is the only organization in Massachusetts designed specifically to address the legal concerns of the art community. VLA provides a Legal Referral Program, seminars and workshops to artists and arts organizations from all creative disciplines including, among others, visual arts, music, literary arts, performing arts, and film and video. For more information, visit www.vlama.org.

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Through the Center, Brown Rudnick regularly provides pro bono representation to indigent artists referred by the VLA.

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