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**Are you an artist living or working
in Bridgeport? Do you know
someone who is?**

**MainState Ventures is sponsoring
an
ART Competition for local artists
with \$1,250 in cash prizes!**

**Submission deadline:
February 15, 2010**

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Six finalists will be chosen to install and display their art throughout the year in a rotating public art exhibition. The art will be prominently displayed on an eight foot by eight foot wall on the Broad Street side of 211 State Street in downtown Bridgeport, with each artist's work on display for two (2) months. The year-long exhibition will culminate in the selection of a Grand Prize winner, who will receive a \$1,000 cash award and a "People's Choice" winner, who will be awarded a \$250 cash prize. The competition is open only to artists who either reside or work in Bridgeport.

Artists are asked to submit a sampling of their work using a maximum

of five (5) .jpeg images and one (1) square-format .jpeg image of their proposed piece. It is preferred that artists work directly on the site to create their piece by hand. However, artists may choose to have a banner of their work produced. Artists are asked to indicate at the time of submission whether they will create their work on site or reproduce their work on a banner. All reasonable production costs, up to a maximum of \$175, will be reimbursed courtesy of MainStateVentures.

Finalists will be notified by February 18, 2010 via e-mail. Submissions may be sent to maryann@umbrellaarts.com. For questions regarding submission, contact Margaret Bodell, (203) 727-7280. Once chosen, each artist will work with the sponsor to determine an appropriate timeline to produce their artwork and host an official unveiling event.

Submissions will be judged by a distinguished jury consisting of Robert Curcio, co-founder of the Scope International Art Fairs and Gallerist, New York City; MaryAnn Fahey, Curator and Gallerist, Umbrella Arts, New York City; Emily Larned, Professor, Graphic Design, University of Bridgeport; John Favret, Director, Housatonic Community College Art Department; and Penny Harrison, Executive Director, Bridgeport Arts and Cultural Council.