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**Artspace Presents: 101 Dresses**

May 9 to June 23, 2007 – 101 Dresses is an exhibition co-curated by Linda Lindroth and Denise Markonish that celebrates the theme of fashion in contemporary art. On view will be 101+ examples reflecting ideas of fashion in all media, including painting, sculpture, photography as well as digital art and narrative text, by a mix of local and national visual artists as well as the work of fashion designers and collectors. In addition to the Artspace exhibition, community activities will provide further focus on this subject and its history in New Haven, which was once a major center for garment manufacturing.

Coincidental to the dates of this exhibition, is the 101st anniversary, on May 9th, of the birth of the beloved children's book author, Eleanor Estes who made her home in West Haven, CT for many years and was an area librarian. Estes, author of the award-winning *Ginger Pye* and *The Moffats*, wrote *The Hundred Dresses* in 1944, which serves as a launching point for this exhibition, and deals with the narratives that can surround the idea of fashion.

**Participating Artists Include:** Anni Abbi, Allen Art, Nina Bentley, Marianne Bernstein, Kathleen Bitetti, Susan Breen, Zoe Brookes, Donnamaria Bruton, Kelsey Byers, Harriet Caldwell, Rachael Vaters-Carr, Lisa Costanzo, Maryjean Viano Crowe, R. Crumb, Jennifer Davies and Nancy Eisenfeld, Steven DiGiovanni, Nancy Eisenfeld, Valerie Ferus, Joan Fitzsimmons, Roberta Friedman, Joan Gardner, Valerie Garlick, Mario Giacomelli, Stephen Grossman, Marisa Jahn and Steve Shada, Maira Kalman, Barbara Kilpatrick, kHyal, Lonnie Long, Lady McCrady, Charlotte McCurdy, Carey McDougall, Jane Miller, Barbara Morgan, Andy Mowbray, Alan Neider, Alexis Neider, Yoko Ono, Zac Posen, J. Morgan Puett, Shannon Rankin, Karen Ruenitz, Karen Shaw, Zoe Sheehan, Jean Shin, Laurie Simmons, Louis Slobodkin, Alice Smith, Mimi Smith, Esther Solondz, Christina Spiesel, William Steig, Studio 5050, Rashmi Talpade, Robert Taplin, Ari Tabei, Rita Valley, Andy Warhol, Jonathan Waters, Jemma Williams, Aicha Woods, and others.

May 12, 2007, Opening Reception 6-8 PM  
7 PM Performances by Rebecca Parker and Ari Tabei.

Also on view:

**Project Room**

**Ethan Jackson: Polyopticon IV**

An optical installation exploring the visual surroundings of the Artspace gallery through multiple camera obscura projections.

**Flatfile**

**Teen Docents Curate the Flatfile**

Students in the Artspace Teen Docent program, a free weekly program for public high school students, curate from the Artspace Flatfile, a collection of 400+ affordable works on paper by regional artists. <http://www.artspacenh.org/flatfile>

**The Lot/812 Chapel**

**Colin McMullan: A Lot in Our Lives**

Emcee C.M. has created a group of interactive projects, working together with people from around New Haven, both artists and non-artists, including artists from Fellowship Place. A Lot in Our Lives is meant as a positive environment to nurture creative and social energies that already exist in each one of us.

**John/Jane Project**

**Amy Jean Porter & Anna Hammond: Exquisite Bathroom #1 and #2**

The Exquisite Bathroom series takes the popular Surrealist game of the exquisite corpse to landscape, wall-drawing proportions, encouraging imaginative daydreaming in your one moment of alone time.