



Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council at Passaic County Community College

Celebrating Women's History Month



*Morning Tai Chi – Theresa DeSalvio,
Oil, 2010.*

INSIDE CHINA: *Paintings by New Jersey artist* **THERESA DESALVIO**

March 7 – April 22, 2011
Broadway & LRC Galleries

Broadway at Memorial Drive – Paterson, NJ
Monday through Friday - 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Accessibility Information Below*

Artist's Reception

March 10

4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Admission to the exhibit
and reception is free
and open to the public.**

ABOUT THE ARTIST AND PAINTINGS

Theresa DeSalvio began her large-scale paintings following a trip to Beijing in 2009. Based on observation, photographs and imagination, the work attempts to capture the spirit of the people as China transforms into a modern society. DeSalvio photographed the people as well as important historic and architectural sites. She discovered that nine is considered the most auspicious number in China, which gave her the idea of creating nine large paintings. For the first time, all nine paintings of DeSalvio's *Inside China* series will be exhibited together at Passaic County Community College.

These large-scale oil paintings on paper capture the people, culture and traditions as China transforms. For example, *Dance Free* is inspired by the courage of Li Cunxin, a dancer who defected to the United States in 1981 and *The Peoples' Pleasures* depicts a street entertainer twirling a long piece of red silk through the air as a boy watches the spectacle. To see more of Theresa DeSalvio's paintings visit www.theresadesalvio.com.

Theresa DeSalvio holds an M.F.A. degree from Hunter College and a B.F.A. from the School of Visual Arts. She is a prolific artist who exhibits her work frequently. Recent exhibitions include "Passport to the Arts" at the Clifton Arts Center, and solo exhibits "Family and Friends" at The Living Room, Verona, NJ, and "The Swimmers" at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts, NY. In 1980 DeSalvio was commissioned by filmmaker Bill Brand to paint the images for *Masstranscope* (228 panels that appear to be an animated film to people passing by on the B and Q trains from DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn into Manhattan). *Masstranscope* was restored in 2008 and also can be viewed at www.bboptics.com.

For additional information, please contact Jane Haw, Gallery Curator, at (973) 684-5448 or visit our website at www.pccc.edu/art/gallery.

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The Passaic County Community College Art Galleries strive to maintain a barrier-free facility including complete access for patrons using wheelchairs. Large print materials, FM listening systems, select audio publications and Braille transcriptions are available on request. Please contact (973) 684-6507 for availability.

