



## ***NYFA SOS Western New York Winners Exhibition***

***November 24, 2009 – January 29, 2010***

***Opening Reception, November 24, 2009 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm***

### Opening Information

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700 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202

Complimentary assortment of holiday food and drink

Contact: Lauren Albrecht or Jerry Burgin at (716) 856-7520



This exhibition features a selection of works by artists that have won NYFA SOS grants over the past year from the Arts Council in Buffalo & Erie County. Many of these artists have received grants for exhibition, promotional and travel opportunities to present their work locally or around the globe. Some artists have been able to leverage their SOS grant into additional career advancing opportunities beyond the initial award. A **Fact Sheet** will be provided the day of the event outlining what each artist received funding for and how it benefited his or her career. We encourage the media to take advantage of this unique event to learn more about the grant program and to promote the talent, caliber and excellence of these individual artists that reside within Western New York.

### **What is a NYFA SOS Grant?**

NYFA Strategic Opportunity Stipends (SOS) grants are designed to help individual artists of all disciplines take advantage of specific, unique opportunities that will significantly benefit their work or career. These are \$100-\$600 grants for forthcoming opportunities (not necessarily projects) that are distinct from an artist's ongoing work. All the artists in the exhibition have received an SOS grant over the

past year for unique career advancing artist opportunities. More information can be found at:

[http://www.artscouncilbuffalo.org/what\\_we\\_do/funding/sos.asp](http://www.artscouncilbuffalo.org/what_we_do/funding/sos.asp)

### **Artists that have won WNY SOS grants over the past year:**

Melanie Aceto (Dance/Erie), Priscilla Bowen (Visual/Erie), Lukia Costello (Visual/Erie), Madelene Cutrona (Folk/Visual/Erie), Kara Daving (Visual/Erie), Brian DeAngelo (Music/Erie), Jax Deluca (Craft/Folk/Erie), Kate Doody (Visual/Allegany), Dorothy Fitzgerald (Visual/Erie), Anna Kay France (Theatre/Erie), Christopher Fritton (Visual/Erie), Greg Gerke (Literary/Erie), Kathleen Golde (Dance/Erie), Amy Greenan (Visual/Niagara), Ani Hoover (Visual/Erie), Tom Hughes (Visual/Niagara), Felice Koenig (Visual/Erie), Paul Christopher Kozlowski (Music/Erie), Lise Lemeland (Visual/Allegany), Michael Lent (Visual/Erie), Paul Leone (Music/Performance/ Chautauqua), Amanda Maciuba (Visual/Erie), Douglas Manson (Literary/Erie), Michael J. Mully (Visual/Erie), Justin Printup (Visual/Niagara), Dave Ruch (Music/Erie), Claire Sands (Visual/Allegany), Amy Taravella (Dance/Erie), Jeffery Vincent (Visual/Erie), Ben Wickerham (Visual/Chautauqua), and Patrick Willett (Visual/Erie).

Image: Amy Greenan 'A Pinch to Grow an Inch' Mixed media, 9.5" x 15.5" 2008. Amy received two SOS grants over the past year, one for her first solo museum show, a 'Top Spin' Exhibition at the Castellani Art Museum, Niagara University and a second for an out of town exhibition, The Incredible Print Show in Rochester, NH.