

Contact: Paul A. Johnson FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Phone: (631) 537-8250 E-mail: <u>Paul@CMEE.org</u>

"THIRTY SQUARED @ THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM" EXHIBITION DEBUTS WITH ARTISTS' RECEPTION

WHAT

The Children's Museum of the East End debuts a new exhibit featuring the work of local art collective, "Thirty Squared."

WHO

The Children's Museum of the East End, along with artists, Susan D'Alessio, Gail Gallagher, Kimberly Goff, Aubrey Grainger, Pat Hadley, Barbara Jones, Dana Little Brown, Keith Mantell, Lucille Berrill Paulsen, Eileen Dawn Stretch, Pamela Thomson and Maureen Travers

WHEN

Opening Reception: Saturday, June 3 from 4 – 7pm

The exhibit runs from June 3 through July 4 and can be viewed between 9am and 5pm daily except Tuesday.

WHERE

Children's Museum of the East End 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton, NY 11932

WHY

The Children's Museum of the East End is pleased to host an exhibition featuring works by members of "Thirty Squared," a collective comprised of area artists who use social media to encourage and support one another's creative efforts. Curated by Kimberly Goff of the Elaine Benson Gallery, the show presents a varied collection of pieces all of which evoke life on the East End. "Thirty Squared @ the Children's Museum" will open with an artists' reception on June 3 and will remain on display at the Museum through July 4.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce the Children's Museum to an audience who might otherwise be unaware of its commitment to the East End community," said Kimberly Goff, the show's organizer. "As a former member of CMEE's board and current member of the South Fork Natural History Museum's Board, I view any chance to raise the profile of the area's cultural institutions as a no-brainer."

"The East End has a long tradition of incredible artistic talent and we are delighted for the chance to share it with our visitors," added Steve Long, the Museum's president. "And working with Kimberly has been an amazing experience. She really understands our mission to foster creativity and playful learning. In fact, we've already starting thinking about the next show!"

About the Children's Museum of the East End:

The Children's Museum of the East End is one of the most visited museums in Eastern Long Island, and welcomes over 70,000 visitors annually. The Museum opened in 2005 and offers over 7,000 square feet of interactive, hands-on exhibits, classrooms, and performance space. CMEE's mission is "to spark imagination and foster learning for children of all backgrounds and abilities and to build strong connections within the East End community by providing playful experiences." For more information, please visit www.cmee.org.