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**THE BRANT FOUNDATION HOSTS A FREE ARTS DAY INSPIRED BY
*OCCUPY GREENWICH***

An Exhibition of Works by Jonathan Horowitz

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The Brant Foundation collaborates with Free Arts NYC for the Third Annual Day of Art-making with Children from New York City's Department of Homeless Services.

Greenwich, CT – The Brant Foundation is pleased to announce the third annual Free Arts Day at The Brant Foundation Art Study Center in Greenwich CT. On Saturday, October 1, 2016, over 100 children from New York's Department of Homeless Services will travel to Greenwich, CT for a day of art-making hosted by The Brant Foundation in collaboration with artist Jonathan Horowitz whose exhibition *Occupy Greenwich* will be on view and serve as a point of inspiration for the day's activities. The program is part of Free Art NYC's *Free Art Days* initiative to combat the negative effects of poverty through the positive effects of arts education and mentoring. As studies continuously reveal, children involved in the arts are more likely to attend college, retain employment, and maintain meaningful personal relationships.

On October 1st, 100 children between the ages of 6-13 will depart New York City shelters and travel to Connecticut. Upon arrival at The Brant Foundation, children will be greeted by artist Jonathan Horowitz. Each child will be paired with an adult mentor, and together will take intimate tours of the exhibition and partake in various art-making activities inspired by Jonathan Horowitz' show that deals with culture, activism, animal and human rights, and in a very timely way, US Presidential Elections. Planned activities include projects based on Horowitz's work "Go Vegan" where kids will make sculptures of fruits and vegetables using colored tape and foil, creating self portraits on handheld mirrors, patriotic printmaking tote bags inspired by the large-scale Coke / Pepsi paintings in the show, and a collaborative painting project of 402 dots.

The Brant Foundation is honored to continue its ongoing partnership with Free Arts NYC - an organization that shares their same belief in the power of the arts to affect positive change. Previous editions of The Brant Foundation Free Arts Day included Rob Pruitt in 2015 and Dan Colen in 2014.

About Free Arts NYC

Free Arts NYC provides underserved children with a unique combination of educational arts and mentoring programs that help them to foster the self-confidence and resiliency needed to realize their fullest potential. Founded in 1997, Free Arts NYC has now touched the lives of over 31,000 at-risk children and parents, offering them high-quality art making experiences while paired with positive adult role models. The youth we serve come from under-resourced urban communities and are referred by one of our over 40 partner agencies, which include schools, community centers, housing facilities, and shelters.

About the Brant Foundation Art Study Center

The Brant Foundation Art Study Center has a mission to promote education and appreciation of contemporary art and design, by making works available to institutions and individuals for scholarly study and examination. The Brant Foundation Art Study Center presents long-term exhibitions curated primarily from the collection. The collection is remarkable in that scores of artists are represented in depth, including works from the earliest period of their practice through their most recent works. Currently, the Brant Foundation, Inc., established in 1996, lends works to more than a dozen exhibitions per year. The Brant Foundation Art Study Center is located at 941 North Street, Greenwich, Connecticut, and is open Monday through Friday by appointment only.

Join in the conversation with The Brant Foundation and Jonathan Horowitz on Instagram via **@TheBrantFoundation** and the hashtags **#JonathanHorowitz** and **#OccupyGreenwich**.

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