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# **The Artists of Opportunity October 4, 2013 - January 19, Artist Reception: December 6, 5-9 PM Gallery Talk: Tom Lind, December 6, 7 PM**

Missoula, MT / August 13, 2013 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / MAM is proud to present the works by artists in the Community Arts Program at Opportunity Resources Inc. (ORI). ORI is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting persons with disabilities and enhancing the quality of their lives. The Community Arts Program at ORI encourages self-expression and growth through participation in the arts.

Tom Lind, Director of the Arts Program at ORI explains, *"The art of Opportunity is the fuel of a rather unique self-esteem machine. This unfiltered, humble, and straight from their hearts expression has a way of creeping into the consciousness of those who view it. In the end it tends to put us all at a higher level of the special! While not formally an art therapy workshop, the arts program does foster routine access to the arts as a way of increasing self-esteem, fostering self-awareness and providing a foundation for personal growth."*

The Community Arts Program produces an annual art calendar featuring many of the ORI artists, and has developed an on-line gallery. It also has a downtown presence at the Palace Hotel lobby which is ever changing and offers the Missoula community insight into the careers of many of the ORI artists. This exhibition by the artists of Opportunity Resources at the MAM is an opportunity to see first-hand many of the works that can be viewed on-line or reproduced in the annual calendar.

Thanks to the Missoulian for their sponsorship of this exhibition.

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About MAM: FREE EXPRESSION / FREE ADMISSION. The Missoula Art Museum strives to engage artists and audience in the creative exploration of contemporary art relevant to our community, state and region. Founded in 1975 and accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1987, MAM showcases diverse and thought-provoking contemporary artwork from local and international artists. Gallery Hours: Tuesday- Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday, 12-5 PM. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM.