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Artists and Writers Sought for upcoming Brooklyn Historical Society project: *Interpreting Brooklyn*

Brooklyn, NY – Brooklyn Historical Society is seeking proposals from artists and writers for participation in the upcoming project, ***Interpreting Brooklyn***. Artists and writers are invited to submit a proposal to create work in response to BHS collections. The project will culminate in an exhibition in the Society's galleries and a series of readings, performances, and programs, all scheduled to begin in October 2008. Thanks to a generous grant from the **Getty Foundation**, each participant (individual or group) will receive a **\$6,000 stipend**. The deadline for proposals is **February 8, 2008**.

The ten selected artists and writers (individuals or groups) will create new works that creatively interpret BHS's collections. All participants will attend workshops at which the BHS staff will provide guidance in exploring the depth and breadth of the collections, touring the museum galleries as well as the storage facilities where a number of works that have not been seen by the public in many years are located. Ultimately the artists and writers will identify works in the collections that served as inspiration for original work they will create. The exhibition and programs will include the artists' and writers' work along with the objects from BHS's collections that inspired them.

Applicants may be any individual or group working creatively in any media including, but not limited to, visual and installation artists; photographers; writers, composers, and playwrights; as well as dancers and performance artists. Applicants need not reside in Brooklyn, but preference will be given to those with a strong Brooklyn connection. Please refer to the BHS website www.brooklynhistory.org for complete information.

The Brooklyn Historical Society hours of operation: Wed. – Sun. 12:00 – 5:00 pm.
Entrance to the Historical Society is \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for seniors and students; and free to members and children under 12.

The mission of the Brooklyn Historical Society is to connect the past to the present and make the vibrant history of Brooklyn tangible, relevant, and meaningful for today's diverse communities, and for generations to come. Founded in 1863, BHS is a nationally recognized urban history center, comprised of a museum; scholarly research library; and educational center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history.

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