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Pratt Fine Arts Center Presents *PONCHO*
An Exhibition of *PONCHO* and Pathways scholarship recipients
at Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios

Pratt Fine Arts Center presents *PONCHO*, the September exhibition at Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios. This show features the work of the 2008 - 2009 *PONCHO* Artist-in-Residence and Gregory M. Robinson Pathways scholarship recipients Otong "Iron" Durahim, Carla Grahm, Sarah Hood, Akua Kariamu and Tina Koyama. These scholarship recipients will also present a lecture about their work in Pratt Studios on September 10 at 6:30pm.

The *PONCHO* Artist-in Residence and Gregory M. Robinson Pathways scholarships are two of the twenty-five merit or financial need-based scholarships offered in every visual arts discipline taught in Pratt's studios. Awards are used towards classes and studio rental at Pratt and are available for artists of color, adults and teens, and emerging and established artists.

"As an arts education and resource center, we are committed to making our classes available to everyone by offering scholarships, work study opportunities and tuition assistance," said Director of Education Tracey Fugami. "Last year, Pratt awarded \$35,650 in scholarships to twenty-five emerging and established artists."

What: *PONCHO* Exhibition

Where: Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios, 306 S Washington St, Suite 102, Seattle

When: September 3 - 25, 2009

Opening: First Thursday, September 3, 6 - 8pm

Gallery Hours: Fridays and Saturdays, 12 - 5pm and by appointment

The Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios showcases the artwork of its instructors, students and renters, demonstrating the quality, strength and range of talent that is cultivated and made possible by programs offered at Pratt Fine Arts Center.

Since 1976, Pratt Fine Arts Center has offered art classes for everyone and workspace for artists in its equipment-rich facilities in Seattle's Central District. Pratt serves 3,400 students each year and more than 500 working artists use Pratt's affordable studios and equipment.

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