

• **2010 Hartford Courant Tapestry Award honors JDPP's Commitment to Diversity**

This year the Judy Dworin Performance Project was selected to receive the Hartford Courant's Tapestry Award from among 19 nominees.

The Tapestry Award, created by the Hartford Courant in the spring of 1998, celebrates individuals and organizations who emulate the cause of diversity. Each year an independent panel of judges recognizes one individual and one organization for valuing differences in people and excelling in initiating, promoting or championing efforts to encourage diversity. This year's individual recipient was Victoria Chrisgau of the CT Center for Nonviolence.

"I am grateful that this organization has been given the gift of the arts to bridge the divides that exist in ourselves, our communities, and our world. This award is deeply meaning as a testament to what lighting the creative spark in individuals and community can do," said Judy.

JDPP looks forward to sharing this honor with all of you who continue to support these efforts. Our best wished to you for the new year!



*Judy is joined by Associate Artistic Director, Kathy Bortek Gersten, and JDPP composer and teaching artist, Leslie Bird at Jill Henderson's exhibit opening at the City Arts on Pearl Gallery. They were returning from a workshop session at York Correctional Institution, where they have been the core teaching artist team for the past 5 years. Photo by Jill Henderson.*

• **Another Hearty Congratulations**

Friend and author Wally Lamb was recently named one of Connecticut's Famous 50 people by Connecticut Magazine:

"#41. WALLY LAMB: Lamb may be between novels right now, but his work on behalf of the women incarcerated at York Correctional Institution in Niantic assures a berth here. His more-than-a-decade-long writing workshop has yielded two published books and inspired the development of a multiarts program at York coordinated by Connecticut choreographer Judy Dworin. Lamb and Dworin recently collaborated on a benefit at Old Saybrook's The Kate, featuring the local premiere of Dworin's acclaimed dance-theater piece, 'Time In.'"

• **Save The Date!**

- February 2 - "Performing New Lives" Book Signing at Pine Manor College in Boston
- February 24 - In-progress performance of 'In This House' at Kinsella Magnet School, and Tapestry Award presentation at 8am
- March 18 - "Performing New Lives Book Signing" in New York City with performance excerpts by JDPE
- April 7, 8 & 9 - World Premiere of *In This House* at Charter Oak Cultural Center - more information coming about a special opening night package involving CT Landmarks, Nick Lacy and Peppercorns!
- April 17 - Performance of *Time In* at Mitchell College in New London
- May 4 - Culmination of our 15th Annual *Moving Matters!* Parkville/M.D. Fox Residency

• **What a Fall Season!**

JDPP had an incredibly busy Fall Season... here is what's been going on:

- *Moving Matters!* teaching artists Suzi Jensen, Leslie Bird and Tracy Lombardo have been busy this fall bringing residencies to three Hartford schools. In conjunction with **OPMAD** (Organized Parents Make a Difference) first and second graders at Mary Hooker School are exploring the book, *The Great Kapok Tree*. As part of a new arts initiative, **Hartford Performs**, seventh grade science classes at Naylor School used song, movement and text to learn concepts about motion. Continuing our work at **Kinsella Arts Magnet School**, eighth graders recently shared their own dreams in poetry and song.

- In October and November old and new friends joined us for performances of *Time In* at **The Kate** in Old Saybrook and **Charter Oak Cultural Center** in Hartford. Highlights included Wally Lamb's participation at The Kate and talkbacks at both venues in which several members of the original cast at York Correctional Institution joined the company on stage for energized and insightful dialogues. What a celebration of the continued power of the piece, the hope represented by changed lives, and the exciting expansion of our work with the incarcerated and their families!

**It's not too late! You can still get your tax-deductible contribution in before Dec. 31st! Donations support *In This House!***

