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2010 BARBARA SMAIL AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Burlington, VT (February 23, 2010): Burlington City Arts is proud to announce the 2010 Barbara Smail Award winner, Vermont artist Anthony Sini. The announcement was made during the opening exhibition of *This World, Other World* at the Firehouse Gallery on Friday, February 19th, 2010. Anthony Sini, designer, is the recipient of the 8th annual Barbara Smail Award.

Fran Stoddard, who nominated Sini for the award, writes, "Tony has given of himself to the art community through his commitment to the arts community in general and through participation in several community art events, including Wes Disney projects, print shows, and Don Hanson's extravaganza print event."

Sini has been an active artist in the Burlington area since the early 1970s. He attended the School of Visual Arts with a concentration in Illustration and Design, and spent time working at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, Vermont. For 15 years he was the Art Director/Designer at Sandage Advertising, and he has been doing freelance designing for over the last 12 years. Sini's design talent has been a significant part of the Vermont community by having done several pro-bono and discounted design work for local non-profits, as well as having worked with several local companies and art events such as: Vermont Mozart Festival, St. Michael's Playhouse, Rhino Foods, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Nitty Gritty Grain Company, and Leunig's.

As the recipient of the 2010 Barbara Smail Award, Bond will receive \$1,000 and use of Burlington City Arts' facilities for one year, which include the Print and Clay Studio at 250 Main Street and the BCA Community Darkroom. Friends and family of Barbara Smail, a well-loved and highly respected artist from the Burlington area who died in the fall of 2001, established the Barbara Smail Award. The award is given to a mid-career Vermont-based artist who has a desire to expand his or her creative experience and has displayed an enthusiastic support of his or her peers. Previous award winners include Carol MacDonald, Jennifer Koch, Diane Gabriel, Catherine Hall, Lynn Rupe, Peter Gallo, and Jude Bond.

The Barbara Smail Award is an important part of Burlington City Arts, who is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit BURLINGTONCITYARTS.COM.

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