

Girls Inc., college students team up for art show

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College student Jessica Impoco of Southwick is helping young artists craft ceramic sculptures for a community arts celebration this weekend.

The exhibit at the Race Street Gallery in downtown Holyoke from 2 to 7 p.m. this Saturday, May 5, will feature the artwork of Holyoke youths alongside that of nationally known ceramic artists and printmakers. Also featured will be demonstrations, hands-on activities, interactive workshops, and food.

Arts instructors and students from HCC have been working with groups of girls from Girls Inc. of Holyoke to create ceramic sculptures for the event based on the themes of immigration and migration.

Artists Daniel Ricardo Teran and Ahrong Kim from Philadelphia, Salvador Jimenez-Flores and Nora Valdez from Boston, and Cynthia Consentino, an adjunct professor at HCC, will be in the gallery to display and discuss their work.

Visitors will be able to sit at a spinning wheel and try their hand at a making their own ceramic bowl through the Pots On Wheels! truck, which will be parked outside the gallery on Race Street.

The event is being co-sponsored by the



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Jessica Impoco of Southwick decorates a ceramic bowl. She is one of the Holyoke Community College students who have been working with Girls Inc. on art projects.

Florence, Mass.-based Plunge Arts, Pots on Wheels, Girls Inc., and HCC, with a grant from Mass Humanities.