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The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Launches City Studio

A partnership program between the Boston Public Schools Art Scholarship Program and SMFA

Boston, MA (January 15, 2013)—For more than 40 years, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA) has partnered with the Boston Public School system (BPS) offering dozens of high school students expanded educational opportunities in the visual arts and access to the Museum’s renowned, encyclopedic collection. The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA) is honored to continue this partnership in its new form, **City Studio**, which offers participating Boston high school artists a valuable and formative art experience. Kicking off January 15, this intensive, 21-week after school program will consist of in-class dialogue, instruction in a range of media, object making, field trips to museums and galleries and visits with local artists.

Marlon Forrester, a current art teacher at BPS and SMFA alumnus, returns to SMFA as lead teacher. Two MFA graduate students will assist and co-teach, and four Senior Thesis students will act as mentors, engaging one-on-one and opening their studios for discussion. These artists will guide students to delve deeper into their own personal history, cultural upbringing and preconceived notions of reality.

During the course of the program students will have the opportunity to exhibit in a mid-semester exhibition as well as a final exhibition at the Superintendent's Gallery, Boston City Hall. Students will also work on building a portfolio and all students will receive one college course credit towards high school graduation upon successful completion of the program.

About the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston:

Founded in 1876 and accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA), is one of only three art schools in the country affiliated with a major museum—the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Our mission is to provide an education in the fine arts—for undergraduate and graduate artists—that is interdisciplinary and self-directed. This education values cultural, artistic and intellectual diversity; it embraces a wide range of media; it stresses the development of individual vision and its relation to culture in general; it values equally the knowledge gained by thinking and doing; it is deeply engaged with the world as a whole. If the mission is constant, its practice is always transforming. For more information about our programs and partnerships, visit www.smfa.edu.

About Boston Public Schools:

As the birthplace of public education in this nation, the Boston Public Schools is committed to transforming the lives of all children through exemplary teaching in a world-class system of innovative, welcoming schools. We partner with the community, families, and students to develop in every learner the knowledge, skill and character to excel in college, career and life.

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