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**The Benjamin Gallery and YWCA of WNY partner  
for the first time to offer 'Roar!'**

**CALL FOR WOMEN ARTISTS** – We need your talent in our exhibition!

**Art exhibition and sale of works created by women artists to benefit women & families in WNY. Opening night cocktail party and silent auction to kick off month-long exhibition.**

**BUFFALO (NY) – The Benjamin Gallery** and the **YWCA of WNY** partner for the first time offering an exciting event entitled ROAR! An art exhibition and sale of artwork created by women artists to benefit women and families in western New York. There will be an opening night cocktail party and silent auction to kick off month long exhibition.

**Date:** Friday November 2, 2012

**Location:** The Benjamin Gallery 419 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo NY (Just south of Bryant St.)

**Time:** 6-10 PM

The Benjamin Gallery has been a part of the Allentown Association's First Friday's Gallery Walk for years and having opening night for ROAR! coincide with the first night of First Friday's Gallery Walk makes perfect sense. Many local galleries open their doors that night and lots of people will be out exploring local galleries so it is the perfect time to launch this event.

This is a **CALL FOR WOMEN ARTISTS** that want to participate and donate all or part of the proceeds of sale of their work to benefit YWCA of WNY. Original work or prints are welcome. There are a variety of ways to structure the donation. Artists interested in participating may contact Emily Tucker at [emily@thebenjamingallery.com](mailto:emily@thebenjamingallery.com) or at Benjamin Gallery, (716) 886-0898.

Emily Tucker, Director of The Benjamin Gallery, said, "My mother and I met Deborah Lynn Williams through a friend a few years ago and over time we learned more about what YWCA of WNY does for women in this community. We began talking about how we might bring the resources we have at the Gallery to benefit YWCA of WNY and developed this idea of women artists benefiting women".

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“This event is the first time that YWCA of WNY and The Benjamin Gallery have partnered and we are very excited about the event. The idea of having women artists donate all or part of the proceeds from their work to help other woman and families in this community is fantastic. Women helping other women is so important,” said Deborah Lynn Williams, CEO of YWCA of WNY.

YWCA of WNY, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Organization that has been in existence for 142 years. The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. In addition to education and job training for teens, the YWCA offers housing for seniors and transitional housing for homeless women and children and victims of domestic violence. Day care, UPK, and before and after school programming are offered for infants thru school age. [www.ywca-wny.org](http://www.ywca-wny.org).

The Benjamin Gallery has become an institution in Western New York. Having been in business since 1970, the Gallery has also become a trusted resource for fine art and art services for collectors all over the country. The Benjamin Gallery remains a family owned and operated business in the art district of the vibrant Elmwood strip. Members of the Certified Appraiser Association, the Better Business Bureau and the Elmwood Village Association, The Benjamin Gallery over the years has strived to protect, improve and provide Fine Art Services to the community of Buffalo, New York and its surrounding areas. [www.benjamangallery.com](http://www.benjamangallery.com)

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