

**MEET ARTIST KAREN ROSSI AT HER OPEN STUDIO AND FINE ART GALLERY
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 IN NORFOLK, CONN.**

Holiday Ornament Painting Workshop to Benefit Camp for Disadvantaged Children

NORFOLK, CONN., November 27, 2006 - One of the nation's most creative artists is opening her gallery to display and sell a wide variety of her artwork. On Saturday, December 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., sculptor Karen Rossi will host an Open Studio event at her "Studio in the Woods" Fine Art Gallery at 60 Estey Road in Norfolk, Conn. Rossi's Open Studio will feature a holiday ornament painting workshop, tours of her gallery and sculpture-filled grounds, and sales of many pieces of her artwork, including holiday-themed giftware.

The workshop at Rossi's "Studio in the Woods" Open Studio will offers visitors the opportunity to paint an ornament which can either be donated to the Channel 3 Kids Camp Holiday Giving Tree or can be purchased with a minimum of a \$5 donation to the camp for disadvantaged children. The Holiday Giving tree is located at The Shops at Evergreen Walk in South Windsor, Conn., where Rossi's The Gabriels II metal sculpture stands as a cheerful welcome to shoppers.

"This holiday workshop is a fun way to take a break from the bustle of holiday shopping and benefit the wonderful Channel 3 Kids Camp at the same time," explains Ms. Rossi. "There is a sharing and cyclical nature to the ornament painting project - if people want, they can donate \$5 and, instead of taking home their own ornament, they can choose one of the others that someone else created."

During Rossi's Open Studio, the artist will sign a colorful, whimsical, new print that she designed especially for the Channel 3 Kids Camp, along with other gifts in this new collection, including decorative tiles/trivets, canvas bags and T-shirts. All proceeds from purchases of these items and from Rossi's colorful new silk scarves and hand-made angel pins will be donated to the nonprofit organization, which provides one- and two-week overnight camping experiences for boys and girls ages 8-12 at the campgrounds in Andover, Conn..

This summer, Rossi spent several days at the Channel 3 Kids Camp, sketching and designing this new illustration. Her design is a fanciful rendering of the camp, complete with rolling hills, leafy trees, the Skungamaug River, and campers involved in a variety of outdoor activities.

The Channel 3 Kids Camp is a non-profit organization that provides one- and two-week overnight camping experiences every summer for more than 720 disadvantaged Connecticut boys and girls on over 350 acres in Andover and Coventry, Conn. Programs include hiking, cookouts, swimming lessons, outdoor education, ropes course, softball, archery, volleyball, and arts and crafts. Camper fees are handled on a sliding scale, depending upon family size and financial situation. More than 98 percent of campers pay only \$25 per week for the overnight experience. Throughout the rest of the year, schools and nonprofit organizations enjoy outdoor environmental education programs on the campgrounds. The camp is supported by grants from foundations and companies and donations from individuals and businesses. It is owned and operated by the Almada Lodge-Times Farm Camp Corp. (a Board of community volunteers) and is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

For more information about the December 9 Open Studio, call (860) 542-5898. For information about Karen Rossi and her work, visit www.karenrossi.com or call (860) 292-8142. To learn more about the Channel 3 Kids Camp and order Karen Rossi's specially designed pieces, visit www.channel3kidscamp.org or visit (860) 742-CAMP(2267).