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Who: The New Bridge/ Chen Arts Group of Allentown.

What: “Bridges Outside the Box” 7th Group Art Exhibition featuring 39 local and regional artists.

When: May 26 – June 10

Where: Community Room, Allentown Art Museum, 31 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA

-- The New Bridge /Chen Arts Group presents their 7th Group Show entitled “Bridges OUTSIDE the Box” on view from May 26th through June 10th in the Community Room at the Allentown Art Museum.

“Bridges OUTSIDE the Box” showcases the talents of **39** local artists by presenting their unique visions of bridges - both structural and abstract – through various mediums including photography, painting, mixed media, polymer, sculpture and book arts.

There will be an opening reception Sunday, May 27th from 2pm – 5 pm featuring the music of Michael Wall. Admission is free of charge to the public.

The New Bridge Group was formed to showcase new and exciting artwork not seen in the Valley before. And in an effort to encourage artists to create new works the New Bridge Group set a theme for this exhibition.

“Originally, a show about covered bridges done in various styles was presented by a group member,” says show organizer and artist EA Kafkalas, “and that idea quickly morphed into a show about the various kinds of bridges - musical, electrical, structural, etc. We thought it was a great tie in with the new name of the group.”

“The New Bridge Group is hoping to build bridges in the community - between emerging and established artists, as well as artists and the community we live in,” says Kafkalas. “We feel that with all of the changes in downtown Allentown, the time is ripe to bring a strong artistic presence to the community.”

Artists featured in the exhibit: Janet Barna, Al Barnes, Kristen Barnes, Loretta Becker, Richard Begbie, Alison Bessedotter, Michelle Bodomer, Catherine Botch,

Alexander Clare, Steven Condra, Eileen Cressman-Reeder, Janet Dean Cantanelli, James Depietro, Zehra Follweiler, Jermel Fountain, Rosemary Geseck, Holly Groome, Heather Haas, Ana Hamilton, Tim Higgins, Kate Hughes, Jessica Jones, Chris P. Jones, EA Kafkalas, Glenn Lash, Tracey Lopez, Jacqueline Meyers, Georgine Miller, Ely Molloy, Delano H. Morgan, Michele Neifert, Diane Richter, Maryann J. Riker, Monica Santos-Navarez, Jennifer Shannon, David Sommers, Diane Teti and Brandon Wunder.

“Bridges Outside the Box” concludes Sunday, June 10th with a reception from 1pm – 4 pm featuring readings by local poets Rafael López, Daniel Notaro, Sara Peters, Matt Wolf, Susan Weaver, and Yodi.

Allentown Art Museum of the Lehigh Valley hours: Tuesday–Saturday: 11 am to 5 pm; and Sunday: 12 pm to 5 pm.
