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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. EMBASSY INAUGURATES ART EXHIBITION ON DEC 8

DHAKA, DECEMBER 7 – U.S. Ambassador Dan Mozena will attend the launch of a public exhibition of works created as part of *Nijeke Prokash Koro/Express Yourself*, an arts initiative organized by the American Center of the U.S. Embassy. The exhibition will be held at the Dhaka Art Center in Dhanmondi on December 8 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Nijeke Prokash Koro/Express Yourself brought together American and Bangladeshi artists of all ages to celebrate independent thinking and freedom of expression. For two and a half weeks, from November 21 through December 8, American artists Mira Friedlander and Ted Riederer collaborated with prominent Bangladeshi artists, promising art students and schoolchildren in a series of workshops and outreach activities in Dhaka and Chittagong.

As part of this art initiative, the U.S. Embassy held a three-day silk screening workshop with local artists at Galleri Kaya on November 21, where the U.S. artists were joined by noted Bangladeshi artists Rafiqun Nabi and Monirul Islam. Mira and Ted then traveled to Chittagong for a three-day workshop at the Institute of Fine Arts, Chittagong University. Upon their return to Dhaka, they conducted another three-day workshop with students at Dhaka University, and then paid a visit to the Jaago School in Dhanmondi for a day of fun and creativity with the children there.

The exhibition will remain at the Dhaka Art Center through December 17.

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