

WORLD AWARENESS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER CITY

The World Awareness Children's Museum, in Glens Falls, NY is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Saga City, Japan and Glens Falls, NY with an art exhibition during the month of March at the North Country Arts Center Gallery on the 2nd floor of Glens Falls City Hall.

The exhibition features the first Saga City children's artwork exchanged with the museum in 1988. The museum's International Art Exchange Program collection now includes more than 6,000 pieces of children's art from 62 countries around the world.

In 1988, the Mayor of Saga City presented Dr. Jacqueline Touba, then director of the International Arts and Cultural Association and now the WACM, with 60 pieces of children's art, 2 pieces from each of the 30 middle schools in Saga City. Dr. Touba presented the Mayor with 60 pieces of American children's art from IACA's and now the World Awareness Children's Museum International Art Exchange Program. Selections of this Saga City art were on exhibit in various exhibitions over the last 20 years. This event now marks the first time so many of the Japanese pieces will be on exhibit together.

The children's art gives a realistic look at the many aspects of Saga City which can be recognized by many of the Warren County students and residents who have visited Saga over the last 20 years. This year a group of Saga City students will be visiting Mayor Akins on March 27th and will be able to see views of their own city from 20 years ago on the gallery walls outside his office.

An additional highlight will be an installation of Hina Dolls, usually set up in a Japanese home for the Matsuri Celebration for girls in the family. WACM acquired the collection from the Schenectady Museum and Suits-Bueche Planetarium and this is the first time they have ever been on display. Other Japanese artifacts from WACM's extensive artifact collection will also be on display.

The art exhibition and installation in the gallery located on the 2nd floor March 4-31, will be open to the public during regular City Hall hours.

A reception will be held on March 20, 2008 at 5:30 -7:30pm and is open to the public.

For further information call the museum at 793-2773 and visit the Museum's website at www.worldchildrensmuseum.org.