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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS
PAUL FARINACCI: BACK TO SCHOOL AND OTHER TALES OF WOE
ON THE EASTERN CAMPUS FROM SEPTEMBER 3 – OCTOBER 26, 2013**

Riverhead, NY - The Lyceum Gallery, located on the Eastern Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Riverhead, is pleased to present *Paul Farinacci: Back to School and Other Tales of Woe* beginning on September 3 and continuing through October 26, 2013. A reception for the artist will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Through dark humor, Mr. Farinacci's work presents commentaries that question society's standards for living by examining the cultural institutions that power it. Mr. Farinacci's architectural sculptures and large scale drawings seek to unmask hidden worlds behind the facades of suburban life. His visually alluring architectural sculptures, which he constructs from paper and recyclable materials, appear idyllic and welcoming. Illuminated windows invite viewers to look inside at the "goings on" beneath the exteriors. Inside we find the inhabitants often in compromising scenes, struggling with domestic duties or in a state of turmoil. Along with his sculptures, Mr. Farinacci will exhibit his large mixed media drawings of similar themes. They are monumental works ranging in size from 7' to 8' high.

"My recent mixed media architectural sculptures and large-scale drawings examine the effects of media/technology and its diminishing distinctions between our public and private realms. The house as a metaphor for society provides the visual framework for my imagery. Designed to provide a safe haven and shelter, these dwellings harbor society's darker inner demons," noted Mr. Farinacci.

Paul Farinacci is a native New Yorker who has exhibited his artwork extensively both nationally and internationally. He is the recipient of a Fulbright and a 2011 New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) for his monumental drawings. Other accomplishments include fellowships and residencies to the Skowhegan School; Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation; Fundacion Valparaiso, Spain; the Millay Colony; the Constance Saltonstall Foundation; Ucross Foundation and the Blue Mountain Center this past August. Some of his public commissions include the Carnegie Mellon Museum; The Royal Stock Exchange, London; and the NYC Mayor's Office. Mr. Farinacci is an Assistant Professor at Hofstra University and an Art Specialist at the Shaw School. To read more about the artist visit: <http://local-artists.org/node/2729>.

For directions please call 631-548-2536. Gallery hours are Monday -Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on Sundays and holidays.



Photo Caption:(left) *Death by #2*, Mixed-media on paper with metal, NYS standardized test papers, #2 pencils and wood, 38” x 12” x 12”, (right) *Silence of the Lambs*, Mixed-media on paper, 92” x 52”, two of many pieces of artwork that will be on display at the Suffolk County Community College Eastern Campus from September 3 – October 26, 2013 in *Paul Farinacci: Back to School and other Tales of Woe*.

About Suffolk County Community College

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