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BAC GALLERY PRESENTS “THE WISHING TREE”
Site-Specific Gallery Installation Opens September 28, 2012

BROOKLYN, NY - (August 27, 2012) Brooklyn Art Council’s BAC Gallery presents a new solo exhibition by artist Abby Goodman, The Wishing Tree, which will launch Friday, September 28, with an open gallery reception from 6 – 9pm. The Wishing Tree transforms BAC Gallery into a tree shrine. Visitors to the gallery are invited to participate by attaching their wishes to the overhanging branches. Wishing trees are hallowed places found all over the world, where people are invited to attach prayers onto the branches of sacred trees in hopes that their wishes will be answered. This exchange transforms latent desire into faith in the power of the universe. Nesting in the branches of the shrine is a herd of Deerfly. The Deerfly is a magical creature that continues to be the most significant iconographic symbol in Goodman’s work. Half butterfly, half deer, the Deerfly represents both spiritual and physical metamorphosis.

The Wishing Tree includes a special event Thursday, November 1, from 6 – 8pm when Abby Goodman and Hayley McCulloch bring their collaborative art enterprise, The Dolly Files to BAC Gallery. The Dolly Files is a mobile, interactive unit that engages the public in unexpected art experiences.

Abby Goodman creates sculptures, paintings and mixed media installations based in a material practice with respect for technique and craftsmanship. She has been included in several publications, including New American Paintings, the New York Times and the cover of Studio Visit Magazine. Her most recent exhibitions include Heat Beaten, at Pandemic Gallery in Brooklyn, NY, WE COME FROM BROOKLYN, at the Galerie allerART in Bludenz, Austria, 20 in 11 at the Woodward Gallery in New York City, and Party At Lucky Chengs, a solo exhibition in the LZ Project Space at the New York Studio Gallery, New York. Goodman was recently represented as a featured artist through Rush Arts Gallery for the Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series and is a current resident in the Chashama Studio Residency Program.

The Wishing Tree runs from September 28, 2012 – February 8, 2013. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 11am – 5pm. The gallery will be open extended hours on Saturday, September 29, from noon – 8pm and Sunday, September 30, from noon – 6pm as part of the Dumbo Arts Festival.

ABOUT BAC GALLERY
BAC Gallery (111 Front Street, Suite 218) is located in the heart of the vibrant DUMBO arts district and offers artists an opportunity to show their art in an environment frequented by a host of arts enthusiasts and professionals – from collectors, artists and
administrators to gallerists and community organizers. Regular gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 11am-5pm. All of the artists included in the BAC Gallery exhibition program are members of BAC’s Online Registry of Brooklyn Artists. Contact Visual Arts Director Courtney J. Wendroff @ 718-625-0080 for more information or email gallery@brooklynartscouncil.org.

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