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## "Child's Play"

### Opens at Outsiders and Others September 24, 2005

Picasso once remarked, "I used to draw like Raphael, but it has taken me a whole lifetime to learn to draw like a child." Artwork is a critical part of every child's development. Before a toddler can write, or even speak effectively, she can hold a crayon and make her mark. Because they don't have to play by the rules and conventions that confine grown-up art, children are free to explore through art and show their world just as they see it. "This artwork is not as easy as the term child's play would make it sound," said Yuri Arajs, Executive Director, "viewers will find these pieces compelling."

This exhibit is Outsiders and Others first show of work by artists under the age of 10. Not just houses on hilltops, these works are powerful examples of naïve art, exploring themes that are at once playful and telling looks at the topics that concern children. Attached are two images by Sophie Cannon, age 6, and Isaac Obolensky Dell, age 4.

Opening Reception Sat., Sept. 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. – Outsiders and Others, 1010 Park Ave. So., Mpls.  
Exhibit runs through Oct 22nd.

Gallery Hours Wed., Fri. and Sat.: 12 to 5 pm & Thurs.: 12 to 7 pm

These events are free and open to the public.

Free parking is available in the lot for gallery openings and limited free parking in designated "reserved spots" during the week.

For more information, log on to our web site – [outsidersandothers.org](http://outsidersandothers.org).

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Art-On-The-Town/Child's Play Today Friday, October 14, from 5 to 10, Outsiders and Others

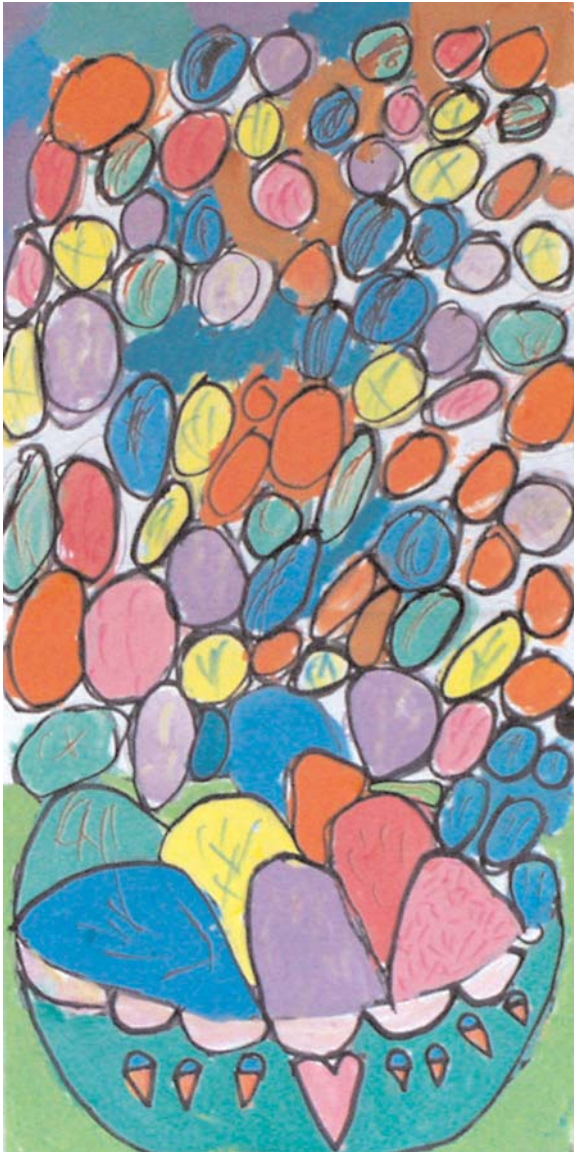
As part of the Twin Cities Fine Arts Organization's annual Art-On-the-Town event, Outsiders and Others is hosting a fun evening of playing with art called Child's Play Today. You're encouraged to bring your little ones, ages 10 and under, as well as big kids of all ages, for this art appreciation event. You'll be inspired by the "Child's Play" exhibit and have a chance to create artwork of your own! Art on the Town 2005 is sponsored by: Target Corporation, The Rake Magazine, Dunn Bros. Coffee, and The Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

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ABOUT OUTSIDERS AND OTHERS: Outsiders and Others gallery provides a rare opportunity for people to see self-taught and non-traditional artwork. Outsiders and Others is the only “outsider” gallery open to all of Minnesota’s outsider artists. “Our focus is to seek out Minnesota’s self-taught artists and give them the opportunity to show their work,” says Yuri Arajs, Executive Director. Crop art (made from seeds), paintings on discarded windows, and found object collages are just a few examples of the types of works exhibited at the gallery. While Outsiders and Others emphasizes artists who have never before shown their work; emerging and established artists are also on exhibit. In addition to hosting 10 - 14 exhibits a year, Outsiders and Others supports artists by making art available for sale in the Outsider Store as well as providing one-to-one mentoring for artists with disabilities.

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Artist: Sophie Cannon, age 6



Isaac Obolensky Dell, Age 4