



## HIGHPOINT CENTER FOR PRINTMAKING

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### **MEDIA ALERT: For Immediate Release**

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Gallery Hours: Mondays – Fridays 10 AM–5 PM

### **HIGHPOINT RAIN GARDEN CELEBRATION RECEPTION**

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Minneapolis, MN—Join Highpoint on Wednesday, September 16 for a celebration of our recently completed rain garden. Designed by public sculptor and McKnight Distinguished Artist Kinji Akagawa, the garden is not only a serene green space, but also an ecologically sound answer to the issue of excessive runoff traveling to city storm sewers. The public is invited to experience the new garden and meet its creative team, which includes Akagawa, Jason Rathe of Field Outdoor Spaces and James Dayton, project architect and founding principal of James Dayton Design. Students from Highpoint neighborhood school partners will participate in a planting ceremony at the beginning of the event. There is no fee to attend, but guests are asked to register in advance by calling 612-871-1326.

The rain garden is part of Highpoint's effort to reduce the ecological footprint of all aspects of our programming. Created by landscaping 530 sq. ft. with native plants, the rain garden will absorb and filter rainwater diverted from our building's roof and parking area. During most storms, 100% of the water will be captured, keeping pollutants from reaching lakes and streams.

Highpoint is currently raising funds to support the renovation of its new permanent home at 912 Lake Street West in Minneapolis. As of September 2009, the Campaign has raised \$2,646,223 towards its final goal of \$3.5M. The "new" Highpoint features a dedicated classroom, increased access for artist cooperative members, an upgraded professional studio, and an expanded street-level gallery showcasing prints by established and emerging artists.

Highpoint Center for Printmaking is a non-profit art center dedicated to advancing the appreciation and understanding of the printmaking arts. We offer educational programming for children and adults, a studio cooperative, professional publishing opportunities, and a street-level gallery featuring contemporary prints. No other printmaking center in the Upper Midwest provides such a wide range of public access and programs.

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