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8th Annual Empty Bowls Project

Collingswood, NJ: Perkins Center for the Arts will hold its 8th Annual Empty Bowls Project on Saturday, December 1st from 12 pm to 3 pm at its Collingswood location (30 Irvin Avenue). Led by the efforts of Paul Serena, Pottery Studio Manager, more than 650 bowls of all shapes, sizes and colors have been created by artists for this year's event. This event supports the physical and artistic nourishment of the South Jersey region, with every dollar raised divided evenly between the Food Bank of South Jersey and the Perkins Center for the Arts Scholarship Fund.

"Perkins' Empty Bowls is a tremendous community event that supports both organizations' missions," said Kahra Buss, Executive Director. *"Perkins mission, 'to provide authentic arts experiences that inspire' is lived through this event. Through the purchase of hundreds of unique, handmade bowls by attendees, as a community we are able to help the Food Bank achieve its mission to provide nourishment to the community. We have raised more than \$50,000 in the first seven years which has supported both nutritional outreach programs as well as educational scholarships for art students. Together, we feed bodies, minds and souls."*

The goal for 2018 is to raise \$10,000 for the Food Bank and Perkins' Arts Scholarship fund. There is no cover charge to attend Empty Bowls. Attendees will browse hundreds of handmade ceramic bowls, and for a minimum donation of \$15 will be invited to sample soups and light fare provided by prominent area restaurants.

For more information, volunteer opportunities, parking information and more, visit the website at perkinsarts.org or contact Paul Serena at pserena@perkinscenter.org.

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Perkins Center for the Arts strives to enrich lives, inspire learning, collaboration, interdisciplinary & intercultural experiences through the arts with programs and services which include; a conservatory of music; visual & performing arts classes; exhibitions; concerts; artist-led school residency programs; a scholarship and fee-based camp for urban and suburban youth; folk life center; and community enrichment projects throughout South Jersey.

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