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For Immediate Release:

PECO Supported Taller Puertorriqueño to Present Children & Youth Create Art

Taller Puertorriqueño today announced that it has completed another successful year of youth art education in a culminating gallery reception entitled *Children & Youth Create Art*. The event, which was sponsored by PECO, will now travel to the Philadelphia Museum of Art Division of Education for display during the month of October, 2007.

Works included depictions of the near extinct Puerto Rican parrot, different techniques such as drawing, ceramics, three dimensional sculptures and works on pencil, as well as emotionally stirring videos commenting on community and local violence. For the last two years PECO has proudly served as Taller's corporate partner by supporting community art education through monetary and volunteer support.

For over 30 years Taller's Arts Education Programs provide innovative and interactive arts and cultural education classes to children and youth living in the communities surrounding Taller, in North Philadelphia, who would otherwise have no access to these experiences. We are poised to understand that we play an important role in opening the eyes of children, inspiring youth to develop their potential, strengthen family ties, and serve as a venue and voice for culture and education on a community, city-wide and regional basis.

Taller Puertorriqueño, Inc. was established in 1974 as a community based organization dedicated to the preservation, development and promotion of Puerto Rican culture and to the quality representation of Latin American artistic traditions. Its focus is to strengthen the Latino community through the arts, serve as an educational vehicle advancing cultural identity and reaffirmation, and do work that promotes social justice, equality and cultural pluralism.

Known as el Corazón Cultural del Barrio (The Cultural Heart of Latino Philadelphia), Taller is a resource, an inspiration, a cultural home and a community center. But, while Taller is established as an integral cultural institution in North Philadelphia and has become a leading Latino art and culture institution in Philadelphia, the organization maintains an unflagging commitment to the expansion of its mission and programs to communities throughout the Greater Philadelphia region and beyond.

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