

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### Local Artist Ramona “Rae” Torres Awarded Third Place in NYCOM’S “Picture Perfect” Photo Contest



“Hudson Valley Winter,” by local photographer Ramona “Rae” Torres has taken third place honors in the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) “Picture Perfect” photo contest. Torres’ work will be included in a collage on the cover of the upcoming issue of the NYCOM *Municipal Bulletin* that is distributed throughout New York State and received by 7,000 municipal officials. It will also appear on the header of the 2009 NYCOM website.

This contest requested the best photographs representing historic buildings, festivals, parks, waterfronts, etc, from municipalities across New York State

Raised and educated in New York City, Rae is a first generation Puerto Rican. She currently resides in Newburgh. As a young adult she joined the military where she received her formal training to develop and fine tune her photography skills. While in the military her official assignment as Post Photographer took her to new heights as she photographed while hanging from helicopters. Rae works with both 35mm and digital cameras, as she specializes in capturing Mother Nature. She also uses computers to create new and exciting forms of photo-artwork, abstracts. With the rise of internet usage, she also specializes in digitalizing all other art form media. Rae’s work has been included in many exhibits including the Orange County Citizen Foundation Exhibition and she is currently a regular participant at the River Art Walk in Newburgh.

Rae also works in the City of Newburgh as an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) volunteer.

“We are very proud that one of our local artists and dedicated community members has received this prestigious award,” said Mayor Nicholas J. Valentine. “Our artists, including Ramona, bring such energy and enthusiasm to the community, and are a vital part of our revitalization.”

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