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**Breslin's "Beyond the Veil" exhibition at Clare Gallery  
explores lives, faith of young Muslim women**

*Hartford* — A touching look at young Muslim women in Greater Hartford is the subject of Christine Breslin's "Beyond the Veil" exhibition at the Clare Gallery in downtown Hartford. The exhibition will run from September 15 through October 22, and is free and open to the public.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the artist will discuss "Beyond the Veil" in detail at an artist's talk scheduled for Thursday, September 29, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., in the gallery. The program will include showing a video of the young women pictured in the exhibition, explaining their choice to wear the veil that in adherence to Muslim tradition. Following the artist's talk will be an extended discussion about the stories of women of all faiths in the community.

Because most of the individuals featured in the exhibition are in their teens, the artist's talk and extended discussion are particularly appropriate for the region's teenagers and young people.

"Beyond the Veil" explores how young Muslim women in our community maintain their identities and values in the face of American mass culture. Breslin created the exhibition in collaboration with Hartford Art School students by incorporating interviews, photographs and digital images that document the lives of Muslim women who live in Greater Hartford.

Christine Breslin is a documentary, fine art and commercial photographer who has exhibited her work nationally and internationally. She is a teaching artist at The Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, The Center for Creative Youth at Wesleyan University, and The Bushnell PARTNERS program, as well as an adjunct professor at Capital Community College, Manchester Community College, The Hartford Art School and the University of Connecticut.

The Clare Gallery primarily features exhibitions that emphasize world religions or interfaith themes, and social justice themes, either on a global or local level. It is housed in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 285 Church Street. The Center is part of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church, a vibrant and active downtown faith community.

The Clare Gallery's hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The Gallery and all related events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available directly across from the church. The facility is handicapped accessible. More information may be found on the church's website at [stpatrick-stanthony.org](http://stpatrick-stanthony.org).

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