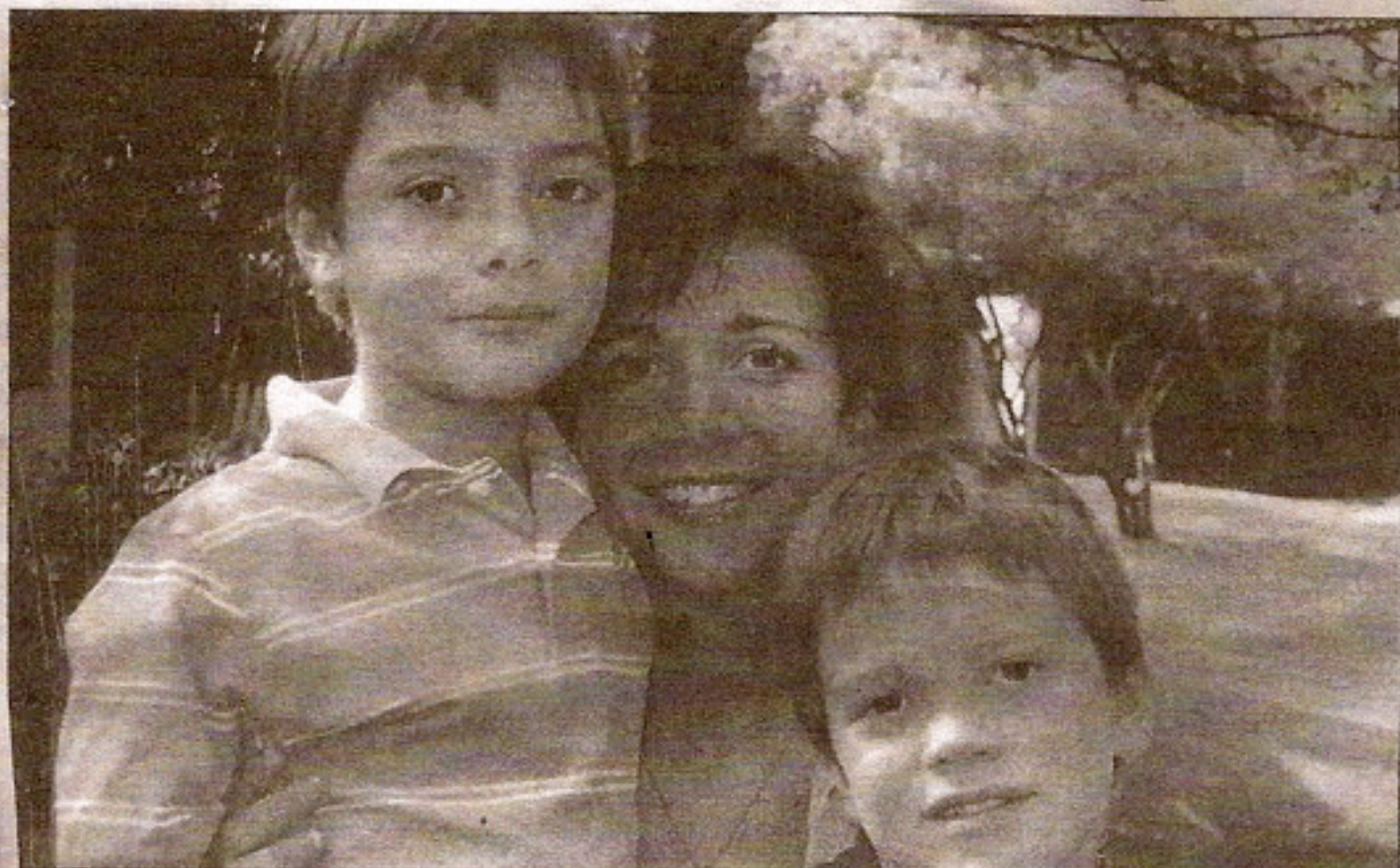


Lynn Rushton art exhibit to open



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Local award-winning artist Lynn Rushton, pictured here with sons Ward and Cal, will be featured at The Lamplighter School. The opening will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at 11611 Inwood Road. Admission is free.

■ For more information, call The Lamplighter School at 214-369-9201.

Artist shows work benefitting Katrina victims

STAFF REPORT

Works by New York City artist Michael Mars will be displayed at an art show and champagne tasting from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 at Café Izmir, 3711 Greenville Ave. in Dallas. The proceeds from all art sales will be donated to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

According to a news release, the paintings of Michael Mars are an iconoclastic experience. As the creator of the term Rotational Abstract, a style of art exemplified by the works of Kandinsky and Pol-

lack, Michael Mars believes that art is alive and creativity manifests itself in ways that may appear to be upside down or backwards. Hence, by rotating the work in tune with the cycles of life, the viewer can experience varied interpretations of the same piece.

Mars engages the viewer with energy, according to a news release. His paintings provide the opportunity for the viewer to free his or her mind from all the myths, icons and propaganda with which we have been programmed and become one with the piece. Mars' works are a reflection of his spiri-

tualism.

"We are all connected to the same source," says Mars. "We as individual members of the human race are all creative beings and we should continually strive to expand our consciousness."

Mars was born on the Lower East Side in New York City where he continues to live and work. Although blind in one eye from a congenital cataract, he saw all that was needed to live a productive life.

■ Contact Café Izmir at 214-826-7788 or visit www.izmir-group.com.