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**RENOWNED VISUAL ARTIST BRETT COOK
INCORPORATES DUKE ELLINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
IN MULTI-MEDIA PROJECT**

June 8 Reception Honors National Portrait Gallery Exhibit

- WHO:** Brett Cook, renowned Berkeley, CA-based multi-media artist and Duke Ellington School of the Arts visual arts students
- WHAT:** National Portrait Gallery reception for *Framing Memory* exhibit, featuring contemporary artists who use portraits to explore history and culture. Brett Cook contributed two murals from his January residency with Duke Ellington School of the Arts students.
- WHEN:** Friday, June 8, 2007
7:00 p.m.
(Exhibit runs through January 6, 2008)
- WHERE:** Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture
8th and F Streets, NW
Washington, DC
- WHY:** To honor the artists (and art students) whose work broadens the idea of portraiture
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