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2006-07 Exhibition Schedule at Arkansas Arts Center

(LITTLE ROCK, AR) – The Arkansas Arts Center announces its 2006- 07 exhibition schedule from July 2006 to June 2007.

The exhibition season starts with showcasing the mixed media works of local artist Robert Reep in *Reep Show: Routines* on view July 7 through August 27, 2006, in the Sam Strauss Sr. Gallery.

Chaim Gross: 100 Works on Paper, on view September 15 through November 12 in the Jeannette Edris Rockefeller Gallery, will give the art enthusiast a glimpse at the inspiring and productive career of one of the greatest figurative sculptors of the 20th century.

Jewelry artist Thomas Mann will bring his works to the Arts Center in the exhibition *Thomas Mann: Storm Cycle, An Artist Responds to Hurricane Katrina* will open in the Sam Strauss, Sr. Gallery on September 15 and will continue through November 5, 2006. Featuring 20 collages made from storm debris, images and wearable

jewelry, this exhibition represents Mann's response to the loss and destruction he witnessed after Hurricane Katrina flooded his hometown.

To round out the end of September, the major exhibition "***Something waits beneath it***" ***Early Works by Andrew Wyeth, 1939-1969*** will open on September 22 and will continue through December 31, 2006, in the Townsend Wolfe Gallery. This exhibition features 32 early and seldom seen works by the young Andrew Wyeth, including watercolors, tempura paintings and drawings selected from the permanent collection of the Delaware Art Museum. Admission to the exhibition is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

From November to February, the Arkansas Arts Center will host several traditional annual exhibitions including ***34th Annual Toys Designed by Artists, 2006 Collectors Show & Sale*** and the ***49th Annual Delta Exhibition***.

The ***34th Annual Toys Designed by Artists*** will take place during the holiday season beginning November 22 and lasting through December 31, 2006, in the Jeannette Edris Rockefeller Gallery. This juried exhibition will appeal to the young at heart with whimsical works created by artists across the nation.

Appealing to seasoned and beginning collectors alike, the ***2006 Collectors Show & Sale*** will present a wide array of works from the top galleries in New York. On view December 1 through December 31, 2006, in the Sam Strauss and Stella Boyle Smith Galleries, this exhibition offers patrons the chance to see popular trends in the drawing market.

The ***49th Annual Delta Exhibition*** will take place in the Jeannette Edris Rockefeller Gallery from January 12 through February 25, 2007. The Delta Exhibition

features works by artists from Arkansas as well as Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Oklahoma. This exhibition provides a glimpse of the contemporary art scene in the mid-south.

In the year 2007, the Arkansas Arts Center will host many exhibitions featuring everything from fiber art to drawings to contemporary craft.

Stitches: An Invitational Exhibition of Fiber Art will begin January 12 and will last through February 25, 2007, in the Jeannette Edris Rockefeller Gallery. Organized by Curator of Contemporary Craft Anne Gochenour, this exhibition showcases six contemporary artists that use needle and thread as their media of choice.

January will end with the exhibition ***Lines of Discovery: 225 Years of American Drawings***. Composed of 144 drawings from the Columbus Museum in Columbus, Ga., this exhibition contains artwork ranging from 18th century artists to modern artists such as Thomas Hart Benton, Charles Burchfield, Mary Cassatt, John Singleton Copley, Arthur Garfield Dove, Chaim Gross, Childe Hassam, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, John Marin, Elie Nadelman, Jules Pascin, John Singer Sargent, Peter Takal and Andrew Newell Wyeth.

Contemporary craft will make its place in the exhibition schedule with ***Connections: International Turning Exchange 1995-2005*** from February 9 to March 25, 2007, in the Winthrop Rockefeller Gallery. One-hundred and seventy-four works that were created by 50 artists from 10 countries during a competitive residency at the Wood Turning Center in Philadelphia will be on display.

Arkansas artist Joe Bruhin will present ***Timeless Beauty: Wood Fired Ceramics by Joe Bruhin*** on March 16 through May 13, 2007, in the Sam Strauss Sr. Gallery.

Expressive clay handling and wood firing combine to create works with rich earth tones that compliment the form.

An annual tradition, the *Young Arkansas Artists 46th Annual Exhibition* features the best artwork created by Arkansas school children kindergarten through 12th grade. This exhibition will be on view April 6 through May 27, 2007, in the Winthrop Rockefeller Gallery.

Offered in conjunction with a three-part PBS series “Craft in America,” the landmark exhibition *Craft in America – Expanding Traditions* will be on view April 13 through June 24, 2007, in the Townsend Wolfe and Jeannette Edris Rockefeller Galleries. Examining the importance of craft in the art making of the 20th century, this exhibition will showcase 150 handcrafted objects spanning the late 19th century to the beginning of the 21st century and will include furniture, turned wood, ceramics, glass fiber, jewelry, metal and basketry. The admission price to the exhibition is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

The 2006-07 exhibition season will end with *From Prairie to Field: Photographs by Terry Evans* on view May 25 through July 29, 2007. Chicago-based photographer Terry Evans is nationally recognized for her images of the American prairie. After documenting North American prairies for 20 years, Evans photographed scientific collections of birds, plants, fish, reptiles, mammals and insects dating back more than 150 years at the renowned Field Museum. This exhibition presents 42 images of her work.

With an exciting exhibition season ahead, the Arkansas Arts Center will continue to feature its permanent collection year-round. Admission to the permanent collection is free. Admission may be charged for some special exhibitions. Become a member and

attend all paid exhibitions for free. In addition to receiving free admission to special exhibitions, members receive discounts in the Museum Shop, on Museum School Tuition and on Children's Theatre tickets. For more information, call 501-372-4000 or visit online at www.arkarts.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact: 501-372-4000

Location: Arkansas Arts Center – 9th and Commerce, Little Rock, AR 72202

Free Admission.

Gallery Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Closed Monday & Major Holidays

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