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Arkansas Arts Center Presents the Exhibition *Capturing the Orient*

(LITTLE ROCK, AR) – The Arkansas Arts Center will present the exhibition *Capturing the Orient*, sponsored by Belinda and Robert L. Shults, on April 2 – May 16, 2010.

This exhibition of works from regional private collections extends the exploration of Orientalism begun earlier this year in the focus installation from the Arts Center collections, *Exotic Lands: Europe Imagines Egypt and the East*. In the 19th century, artists, such as Scottish painter David Roberts, travelled in search of exotic or impressive subjects and recorded them in sketches and quick painting studies.

Roberts visited Spain and Morocco in the early 1830s before sailing for Egypt in August 1838. His extended tour included Egypt, Nubia, the Sinai, the Holy Land, Jordan and Lebanon. Upon his return to Britain, Roberts used the resulting sketches and watercolors as the basis for 247 lithographs, originally published in parts and later bound into six volumes. Roberts' views of monuments and temples, such as the Great Hall at

Karnac, Thebes (Luxor) and the interior of the Temple at Abu Simble, show these impressive ancient architectural marvels just as he experienced them, partially buried in sand.

For more information, visit www.arkarts.com or call 501-372-4000.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact: 501-372-4000

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

Free Admission.

Gallery Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

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

Closed Monday & Major Holidays

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