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Arkansas Arts Center Presents
Gustave Courbet and the Modern Landscape

(LITTLE ROCK, AR) – The Arkansas Arts Center will present the lecture *Gustave Courbet and the Modern Landscape*, a lecture by Mary Morton, on Thursday, March 11, 2010. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. followed a lecture at 6:30 p.m. in the Arkansas Arts Center Lecture Hall. The Spotlight Lecture Series is sponsored by Gaye and Bob Anderson.

Dr. Mary Morton, Curator of French Paintings at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., will present the lecture, providing context for the Arts Center's recent acquisition of a seascape by Courbet. She will discuss Courbet's sea and landscapes in relation to the other genres of painting in which Courbet worked. She will also discuss the influence Courbet's painting had on the Impressionists and later generations of artists.

"I was thrilled when Mary Morton accepted our invitation to lecture at the Arts Center," says Arts Center Curator of Drawings Phaedra Siebert. "Dr. Morton is a

specialist in the art and criticism of nineteenth-century France. She has made meaningful contributions to the body of Gustave Courbet scholarship. Her deep understanding of Courbet's work and her easy lecturing style will bring our new acquisition to life."

Admission to the lecture is free. For more information, call 501-372-4000 or visit www.arkarts.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact: 501-372-4000

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

Free Admission.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through 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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