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FEBRUARY ARTWALK AT THE ACADIANA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

New works by Amy Guidry in Side Gallery Series

Lafayette, LA – The Acadiana Center for the Arts in downtown Lafayette presents art patrons with much to enjoy during 2nd Saturday ArtWalk on February 9 from 6 – 8 p.m.!

The second featured artist in the Side Gallery Series is Amy Guidry, whose exhibit **New Realm: Works by Amy Guidry** will be on display February 9 – 29. Based on fairy tales and modern ideas of femininity, this series explores strength of character and independence and presents a series of surreal scenery in a dream-like world.

Showing in the AcA's Main Gallery thru February 23 is **From Inside Our Hearts: Outsider Art, Collection of Wyatt and Becky Collins**. Since 2003, the Collins' of New Iberia have been collecting folk art from the Acadiana region and beyond. Along with recognizable names such as Mose T., Clementine Hunter and Howard Finster, the Collins' have placed a special focus on local folk art and artists such as Cyril and Ivy Billiot, Roy Ferdinand and Jean Wattigny. This exhibition is generously sponsored by Regions Bank, Tribbey and Michelle Thornton and an Acadiana Arts Council supporter.

Louisiana Crafts Guild presents the folk art of Carol Thibodeaux in her exhibit **Louisiana – The Wildlife**, which is on display in the AcA's Vault thru February 23. In the spirit of the folk art movement, Carol Thibodeaux's art is from her heart and expresses her interests in spirituality, love, life, religion, and just plain fun! Her pieces include Cajun stained glass, bird houses, gourd art and paintings.

Louisiana Folk Roots presents its monthly Cajun/Creole Jam des Amis from 6-8 p.m. in the Art House. February's guest host is the incomparable Sheryl Cormier, the Queen of Cajun Music. The jam is open to the public free of charge. All levels of players can participate and those folks who do not play an instrument are welcome to stop by and listen. LFR and its programs are funded through LEH, LDA, AAC, NEA, ConocoPhillips, LCG, and community support. For more information, contact LFR at 337-234-8360 or email info@lafolkroots.org.

Special thanks to Acadiana Computer Systems, our February ArtWalk admission sponsor, and Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission, our 2008 Exhibition Series Sponsor.

Founded in 1975, the Acadiana Arts Council exists to create, facilitate, nurture and fund arts and cultural activities to enrich quality of life and place in Acadiana. Our award-winning regional programming and services include Arts in Education, which provides curriculum-based arts activities for schoolchildren, Louisiana Crossroads, which is a top-caliber concert series, and an exhibition series of meaningful collections from around the corner and across the globe. The Acadiana Center for the Arts in downtown Lafayette is managed by the Acadiana Arts Council and has been opened to the public since 2004.

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