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ARTIST SELECTION MADE FOR SOUTHERN OPEN 2008

Exhibition to open May 10 at Acadiana Center for the Arts

Lafayette, La – The Acadiana Arts Council is excited to announce that the jury decision has been made for Southern Open 2008! 105 artworks by 105 artists will be on display in the Main Gallery of the Acadiana Center for the Arts in downtown Lafayette beginning May 10.

Congratulations to the following artists:

Alabama:

Misty Bennett; Phillip Counselman; William Dooley; Suess Sadler; Byron Sonnier; Wanda Sullivan; Virginia Woods

Florida:

Michael Boles; Dan Graffeo; Michael Parker;

Louisiana:

Karen Abdoud; Jenny and Michael Authement; Megan Barra; Kathy Baus; Janie Domengeaux Bayard; Ron Bennett; J. Keith Benoit; Harriet Blum; Anne Boudreau; Billie Bourgeois; Kelly Briggs; Cody Bush; Lauren Carter; Jacqueline Chauvin; Brett Chigoy; Beverly Coates; Coby Cox; Tony Cutrera; Laura D'Allessandro; John Daigle; Linda Dautreuil; Brooke M. Davis; Sandy Davoren; Adrian Deckbar; Darnelle L. Delcambre; Mickey Delcambre; Adele Devalcourt; David Dubose; Troy Dugas; Dale Duhon; Brad J. Dupuy; Michael Elliot-Smith; Lucius Fontenot; Ernie L. Fournet; Justina Frederick; Caroline Goodman; Toni Goss; Terry W. Grow; Amy Guidry; Brian Guidry; Veni Harlan; Peggy Hesse; Kathy Hughes; Aaron P. Hussey; Chase Innes; Jim Jeansonne; Heather Ryan Kelley; Dutch Kepler; Jason Langley; Phyllis Lear; Lory Lockwood; Patricia Love; Shawne Major; Mare Martin; Arthur McVicar; Deanna F. Meche; Peter Milder; Colin Miller; Laura Allums Mitchell; Gail Morgan; Elemore Morgan, Jr.; Jaclyn Mosing; Ruby Newcomb; Stephanie Patton; Patrick H. Richard; C. Brian Richard; Reggie Rodrigue; Herb Roe; Cynthia Scott; John Slaughter; Shine Sonnier; Vitalija Svencionyte; Daren Sylvester; Phoebe Tarver; Charlotte Thibodeaux; Matthew Thompson; Theresa dePerrodil Trahan; June Tuma; Gwen Voorhies; Karen Wallsten; David Webber; Gerry Wubben

Mississippi:

Annabelle Meacham; Christopher Monson; Arlene Smith; Greg Watson

Texas:

Kurt Dyrhang; Dewane Hughes; Leslie Lopez; James R. Pace; April Pierce; Jassie Rios; Lael Sale; Mike Stephens; Shannon Stoney

"I've long had a soft spot for southern Louisiana and environs, not least because it is such a rich place for artistic expression, and I wasn't disappointed this time 'round," says Peter Frank, Southern Open 2008 juror. "I was nearly overwhelmed by the exciting and unpredictable avalanche of images, but found many worthy artists to showcase. It pleases me that the Southern Open has so much room to show its participants; I've thus been able to include more art than I usually can when I judge a show, so I can share more of the fun and the astonishment with our audience. Now, on to the awards..."

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For more information on Southern Open, or to view the 2008 exhibition schedule, visit www.AcadianaCenterfortheArts.org. Special thanks to Dr. Daniel Frey for his support of Southern Open 2008.

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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