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The Artists Council of the Palm Springs Art Museum Presents ACE 2009: Artists Council Juried Exhibition and Auction

February 2, 2009 (Palm Springs, CA) -- The Artists Council of the Palm Springs Art Museum will announce the winners of its ACE 2009 Artists Council Exhibition and Silent Auction on February 3, 2009 at a free reception starting at 5:30 p.m. This event opens the exhibition that features 75 original works of art created by Artists Council members and chosen by jurist, Laurie Frank, owner of the Frank Pictures Gallery in Santa Monica's prestigious Bergamot Arts complex.

The exhibition will run through March 13 in three of the Museum's galleries and all works will be available digitally online as well on the museum's web site (psmuseum.org). Exhibition visitors are invited to bid on the art works via a computer station in the museum's Marks Graphics Center or by accessing the museum's website from any computer. The silent auction will continue for the duration of the exhibition and the exhibition will culminate Friday, March 13 with a live auction gala reception at the museum where Bonham's and Butterfields of Los Angeles will auction off the exhibition's 20 prize-winning pieces.

"Ms. Frank's reputation for her impeccable taste and ability to recognize unique fine art has gained her an international reputation for excellence," said Dennis Jory, Artist Council Chair. "The outstanding works she selected for this exhibition showcase the work of local artists and all sales benefit the Museum's Art Education program. We are delighted by the high caliber of entries and look forward to displaying these works to the public."

The Artists Council is a group of over 300 professional and amateur artists whose primary function is to inspire an awareness of arts in the community by facilitating Art Education and the Art Instruction Workshops offered by the museum. This year the Council continues to work diligently to offer free instruction in drawing, painting, sculpting and digital arts to kids, teens and adults.

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features compelling exhibitions and a robust permanent collection of contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian and glass art in 28 spacious galleries and in its two outdoor sculpture gardens. The museum offers educational lectures, films and an assortment of programs and art workshops for all ages. The museum's Annenberg Theater features outstanding musical performances. The museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12

p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for adult students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 12 and under. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.