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Florida Artists Group 60th Annual Exhibition Opens

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WHO: Florida Artist Group

WHAT: 60th Annual Exhibition

WHERE: BIG Arts, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, Florida – Phillips Gallery

WHEN: Exhibition: 1/7/10 – 1/30/10
Patrons Opening reception: 1/9/10, 5:00-6:30 PM

GALLERY HOURS: M-F, 1 to 4 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SANIBEL, Fla. (December 17, 2009) Florida Artists Group 60th Annual Exhibition will open at BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery Thursday, January 7, 2010. A panel discussion “Contemporary Painting and Printmaking in our Digital World”, and juror’s talk with Dan Welden will be held 3:30 p.m. Saturday, January 9, with artists reception to follow.

The nonprofit Florida Artists Group, also known as FLAG, was formed in 1949 by a group of artists to "stimulate the attainment of the highest standards of creative art within the state of Florida."

The judge Dan Welden is a Master printmaker and painter who has had more than 60 national and international solo exhibitions. He has been the recipient of grants from The New York State Council on the Arts, The Vogelstein Foundation of New York, The Ministry of Dutch Culture in Belgium, The Amata Aboriginal Community in Australia, and the Diocesan School in Auckland, New Zealand. Dan has collaborated and printed for many prominent artists including: Willem and Elaine de Kooning, Erick Fischl, Louisa Chase, Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, Larry Rivers, Dan Flavin, Jim Dine, Robert Motherwell, Linda Benglis, David Salle, and Kurt Vonnegut.

Welden is also responsible for the discovery and development of the “solarplate” process and is co-author with Pauline Muir of *Printmaking in the Sun*. He has established his own international school in Florence, Italy; Lima, Peru; Tokyo, Japan; Mykonos, Greece; Corsica; France; and Iceland.

He will also be doing a Special Solarplate Workshop at BIG ARTS ANNEX JAN. 11, & 12.
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Since 1949, FLAG has held a symposium and an exhibit by members each year in a different Florida city. This year, the group chose BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery, located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. The exhibition will run through January 30, 2010.

The show features the work of 87 Florida artists. Pieces include watercolors, acrylic, and oil paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics, and mixed media. Phillips Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Florida Artists Group 60th Annual Exhibition supported by Visual Arts Patron Season Sponsors June Rosner and Russ Bilgore.

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