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NEVIN KELLY GALLERY TO HOST NATIONAL TOUR OF WORKS BY 2007 NSAL WATER MEDIA ON PAPER COMPETITION WINNERS

LOCAL ARTIST JENNY DAVIS CAPTURED TOP PRIZE

Show runs from February 27 through March 23, 2008; Opening Reception Thursday, January 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Washington DC's Nevin Kelly Gallery will host a traveling exhibition of works by the winners of The National Society of Arts and Letters' 2007 arts competition. The 2007 competition was open to young artists ages 18 to 29 working in water media on paper. Local artist Jenny Davis, a previous exhibitor at the gallery, won this year's \$10,000 national first prize for her watercolor "Portrait of Tess." The winning painting and works by the winners of 18 other local chapter competitions who competed for the top prize will be on display. The gallery will host an opening reception at 1517 U Street, NW on Thursday, February 28, from 5:30 until 7:30 pm. The public is invited.

The NSAL was established in 1944 as a non-profit, philanthropic, volunteer organization of art professionals, art educators and patrons of the arts. Its mission is to encourage and assist promising young artists through scholarships, career support and arts competitions. NSAL's competitions rotate annually through six categories: fine art, dance, drama, literature, music and musical theater. The 2007 competition was NSAL's first painting competition in 20 years (the 2008 competition will focus on voice). As winner of the Washington, DC Chapter's local competition, Ms. Davis, was invited to Tempe, AZ in May 2007 to compete with other regional winners for the top prize: the \$10,000 Nicholson-Nielsen Memorial Award. Jenny's watercolor "Portrait of Tess" captured the award.

"We are very pleased to have been asked to host this very impressive exhibition and to welcome Jenny Davis back to our gallery," says gallery director Nevin J. Kelly. "This exhibition provides an ideal fit with our goal of introducing talented emerging artists to the local art community."

Other regional winners whose works will be on display (and the NSAL chapters whose competitions they won) include Carrie Tompkins, (Birmingham), Maureen Forman (Bloomington), Vanessa Monot (Boca Raton), Ryan Rocha (Central Illinois); Erin

Saladino (Clearwater-Tampa Bay), Alfred Perez (El Paso), Tawni Shuler (Greater Arizona), Morgan Canavan (Greater Chicago), Danielle Trejo (Evanston), Will Anderson (Kansas City), Gerren Dugger (Kentucky), Amber Carraway (Little Rock), Adrian Lyjak (Mid-Michigan) Mattias Lanas (New Jersey), Kelsey Berkley (North Florida), Mark Bush (Ohio River Valley), Thommy Controy (Pittsburgh) and Timothy Rusterholz (Virginia-North Carolina).

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