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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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#### **For Immediate Release**

**What:** New exhibition opening – **“Figurative Works by Kevin Beilfuss”** - An exhibition of the latest figurative pieces from the collection of Chicago artist, Kevin Beilfuss.

**When: Preview Opening:** (R.S.V.P.) Thursday, January 6, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Gallery Opening:** January 7, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Show will remain on display from January 6 – January 31, 2011

**Where:** **M Gallery of Fine Art**, 11 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401

**Recent Winner of the Gold Medal at the Eastern Regional OPA 2010, recipient of OPA Nationals Awards of Excellence in 2009 & 2010, and given the Peoples Choice Award in 2008, Kevin Beilfuss has taken several prestigious awards and continues to gain recognition through his series of contemporary representational figures.**

**After graduating from Illinois State University and the American Academy of Art, Kevin spent 13 years as a free-lance illustrator for several well known publishers including Viking Press, Penguin Publishing, Houghton Mifflin and Readers Digest. Growing tired of producing work to meet the demands of his clients, Kevin began painting full time and has continued to showcase his fine art throughout the United States. He resides in Chicago, IL with his wife and son.**

#### **Artist Statement:**

**"One can obviously see the beauty of God's creation in nature, but for me it is even more profound when I see and experience that beauty in people. There is always something new and awe-inspiring to discover when painting the human figure." – Kevin Beilfuss**

#### **M Gallery of Fine Art, SE announced their 2011 Winter/Spring show schedule:**

##### **February Featured Artist – Susan Foster “Still Enchantment” – February 3 – 28, 2011**

February 3, 2011 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. “Still Enchantment” Preview opening of the latest collection of Susan J. Foster’s Still Life works. R.S.V.P.

February 4, 2011 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. “Still Enchantment” Opening Reception for Susan Foster’s newest collection of Still Life paintings - all are welcome.

Sue Foster was born in Warren, Ohio in 1953. She spent her early years traveling around the U.S. with her family before meeting and marrying an airline pilot who took her around the rest of the world. They settled in Toronto Ontario where she began studying at the University of Toronto and The Ontario College of Art. They moved to Florida in 1993 and Susan began painting full time. She is currently teaching still life painting at The Southern Atelier and at The River Studio she established in 2001.

● **March – Hodges Soileau – March 3 – 31, 2011**

March 3, 2011 – Preview Opening for Sarasota landscape & figurative painter, Hodges Soileau. Please R.S.V.P.

March 4, 2011 – “First Fridays on Broad”

Opening Reception for solo exhibition of Hodges Soileau’s newest works. – all welcome.

● **April – Gene Costanza – April 1 – 30, 2011**

March 31, 2011 – Preview Opening for master landscape artist, Gene Costanza. Please R.S.V.P.

April 1, 2011 – “First Fridays on Broad”

Opening Reception for Gene Costanza’s solo exhibition of new works. – all welcome.

Gallery Statement:

The Gallery is located in the Historic French Quarter in the heart of Gallery Row on Broad Street, a half block west of the Landmark Customs House behind the Walled Battery which has defended Charleston for centuries. “Part of what drew us to Charleston was the enduring nature of its architectural integrity. There is an aesthetic to the community which resonates with us and the kind of historically significant works we carry. Although we represent living painters we are increasingly conscious of the important place our artists hold in the history of contemporary art. Our artists have furthered realism & beauty against all odds, foregoing lesser, more expedient methods of painting & sculpting. The value of their works will stand the test of time, much like the integrity of the grand old buildings of Charleston,” says gallery owner, Maggie Kruger.

M Gallery offers museum quality art work that is competence based and created by nationally recognized living painters including: Robert Liberace, Clayton J Beck, III, Tony Pro, Sadie Valeri and several others.

ATTACHED IMAGES:

“Seated Nude” 16” x 12” by Kevin Beilfuss

“Shannon” 12” x 9” by Kevin Beilfuss

“Story Time” 18” x 14” by Kevin Beilfuss

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