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For Immediate Release, Charleston, SC: M Gallery Announces Show Schedule and Sales Surge

M Gallery of Fine Art, SE announced their 2011 winter/spring show schedule today:

December 2, 2010 - Preview Opening for "TONY PRO: People, Places & Things" featuring new work from the collection of California artist, Tony Pro. R.S.V.P.

December 3, 2010 - "First Fridays on Broad" Opening Reception for "TONY PRO: People, Places & Things"

Also Featuring: Matteo Caloiaro & Brooke Olivares in a duo emerging artist exhibition entitled "Back Home" featuring the latest of each artists collection.

January 6, 2011 - Preview Opening of Solo Exhibition, "Figurative Works", featuring the most recent collection of Chicago artist, Kevin Beilfuss. R.S.V.P.

January 7, 2011 - "First Fridays on Broad" Opening Reception for Kevin Beilfuss and his "Figurative Works" solo exhibition.

Februrary 3, 2011 - Preview Opening for Still Life artist, Susan Foster. R.S.V.P.

February 4, 2011 - "First Fridays on Broad" Opening Reception for Susan Foster and her newest Still Life collection.

March 1, 2011 - Preview Opening for Sarasota landscape & figurative artist, Hodges Soileau. R.S.V.P.

March 2, 2011 - "First Fridays on Broad" Opening Reception for Solo exhibition of Hodges Soileau's newest works.

According to gallery owner Maggie Kruger, "The move to Charleston has been great for us. We have sold more paintings in the past two months then we did in the past two years in Florida. The reception to M Gallery's offering has been very heart warming."

M Gallery relocated from Sarasota FL to Charleston SC in September of 2010 after the continued collapse of the Florida housing market depressed the gallery's sales more than 400%.

"We cannot believe the difference in the economic climate here in Charleston. As we continued to feel the agony of the protracted economic disaster caused by the irresponsible banking & housing industry throughout Florida, we realized we need to move somewhere else. After a lengthy market analysis we settled on Charleston, SC.", continued Kruger. "It was such a relief when we started to experience the healthy sales environment and a reaffirmation of our commitment to Beauty, Representational Art & Realism."

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." concludes 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, Tony Pro, Sadie Valeri.













Top Left: "Mezzo Soprano" by Tony Pro Top Center: "Daydreaming" by Tony Pro Top Right: "Childhood Companions" by Brooke Olivares Bottom Left: "Nikki's Kitchen" by Matteo Caloioaro

Bottom Center: "8:00 AM" by Matteo Caloiaro
Bottom Right: "Reading by the Lamp" by Brooke Olivares