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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Fifth Annual Exhibit of National Arts Program® Opens at Miami Beach City Hall Gallery** *-- Winners Awarded Cash Prizes and Scholarships --*

**Miami Beach** – Over 100 works of art created by City of Miami Beach employees and their families are on display in the Fifth Annual Exhibit of the National Arts Program® in the City Hall Fourth Floor Gallery through November 18, 2010. The juried exhibit is judged by professional artists and arts professionals.

The annual program provides City employees and family members with a rare opportunity to exhibit their original works publicly and to compete for \$2,400 cash prizes and five continuing art education scholarships. The exhibit is sponsored by the National Arts Program Foundation, with support and cooperation by the Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council and the City of Miami Beach.

**BEST OF SHOW \$300:** Anaely Delgado “Untitled” (photography)

#### ADULT

First place: \$300

Amateur: Sharon Saballos “Tropical Rainforest” (photography)

Intermediate: Karen Castilblanco-Orsorno “Stages in Life” (photography)

Professional: Rosie Brown “Paradise Found”

Second place: \$200

Amateur: Michelle Cullen “Past and Present” (works on paper)

Intermediate: Yiris Smith “Blind Date” (craft)

Professional: Claudia Newman “On the Beach 2” (painting)

Third place: \$100

Amateur: Manny Marquez “Ten til Ten” (photography)

Intermediate: Jescelle Major “Shaker Revisited” (craft)

Professional: Jed Royer “Sooner or Later, Your Life ends up Here” (mixed media)

#### YOUTH/TEEN (Youth 12 & under, Teen 13-18)

First place: \$75

Youth: Aaron Rosenfeld “Alone” (works on paper)

Teen: Scott McConachie “Cat in the Hat” (works on paper)

Second place: \$50

Youth: Jacob Rosenfeld “Bright Abyss” (works on paper)

Teen: Robin McFarlane “Girl in Blue Shirt” (works on paper)

Third place \$25

Youth: Joshua Gracie “Sunset Stroll” (mixed media)

Teen: Christina Cano “Lennon” (works on paper)

Scholarship winners: Matteo Mladenovic, Megan Rodriguez, Patricia Arana and Roger Alvarez

“There is a lot of hidden talent amongst the Miami Beach family and this program is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their artistic talent in a public exhibition,” said Miami Beach Cultural Affairs Program Manager Gary Farmer.

Judges this year include Dennis Tejedor, curatorial assistant, Bass Museum of Art; Jeremy Chestler, director, ArtCenter South Florida; Matthew Tumbleson, graphic designer, Brand Miami; Roman Fernandez, artistic director & president, Left Field.

Works are classified in the following categories: Adult (amateur, intermediate and professional) and Youth (under 12 years old) and Teen (12-18 years old), and under several artistic mediums, including: painting, works on paper, photography, sculpture, craft and mixed media.

“Miami Beach is a great example of what our show is doing across the country. We hope in the future that the National Arts Program continues to thrive here,” said Jackie Szafara, executive director of The National Arts program Foundation®. The Foundation awarded Gary Farmer and the City of Miami Beach with the Fifth Anniversary Award.

The concept of The National Arts Program® is to provide an uninhibited opportunity for all people to present their talents, at whatever level, in a public exhibition, free to artists and the public. By removing obstacles to artistic expression, the program seeks to showcase individual talent and increase the self-confidence of its participants.

The exhibit is free and open to the public through November 18, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday. Miami Beach City Hall is located at 1700 Convention Center Drive. For more information contact Gary Farmer, cultural affairs program manager, at 305.673.7577, ext. 6745.

The National Arts Program® currently runs 83 programs, encompassing more than 450 cities, in 43 states nationwide. Since 1985, The National Arts Program® has provided scholarships for continuing art education, certificates of participation, and cash awards to public employees and their family members who participate in this annual event. The National Arts Program® is sponsored and funded by The National Arts Program Foundation of Malvern, Pennsylvania, in support and cooperation with local city arts agencies and organizations. To learn more about The National Arts Program®, please visit the web site: [www.nationalartsprogram.org](http://www.nationalartsprogram.org).

The Cultural Affairs Program in the Department of Tourism and Cultural Development serves as an invaluable resource for the Miami Beach community and beyond. Working closely with the Cultural Arts Council, the advisory board that was founded in 1997, the program sustains, develops and supports the arts in Miami Beach for the enjoyment, education, enrichment, and benefit of residents and visitors.

For more information about the Miami Beach Cultural Affairs Program, please visit [www.mbculture.org](http://www.mbculture.org) or call 305.673.7577.

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