

Children's Art featured at Tampa International Airport

For immediate release

Tampa, Fla. (September 10, 1999) - - The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA) is pleased to announce the opening of its new Rotating Art Exhibit that is part of the Airport's Rotating Arts Program. The exhibit is located in the Arcade, the walkway between the Landside Terminal Building and the Marriott Hotel, Level 3, Tampa International Airport.

On September 13, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. a reception is planned to celebrate the Inaugural Collection which features a mixed media of children's art. This exhibit will be displayed until December 27, 1999, when it will be refreshed with a Millennium Exhibit.

The Airport Public Art Committee has been working with the Hillsborough County Public Schools to feature the artwork of elementary-age children as the Rotating Arts Program's first exhibit. Joe Testasecca, Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts for Hillsborough County Elementary Education, sent out a call to his four area art representatives and together collected over 65 pieces of artwork from nearly 30 schools. The young artists range from grade one to grade five.

The Art Committee members currently include Stella F. Thayer, HCAA Vice Chairman; Arthenia L. Joyner, past HCAA board member; Louis E. Miller, HCAA Executive Director; Renee Williams, Deputy Chief Administrator, City of Tampa; Ted Corwin, Chairman Hillsborough County Public Art Program, and Margo C. Eure, Chairman City of Tampa Public Art Committee.

The Airport's Public Art Program was established in July 1998. It created an

Airport Art Committee for the purpose of establishing a Public Art Program to enhance the appearance of the Airports under Aviation Authority's control and to present a Florida, historical and cultural theme to the users of the Airport System.

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