

TPA'S NEXT ROTATING ART EXHIBIT FEATURES A MOUSE, SOME CHICKS, AND A FEW ANGELS

For immediate release

Tampa, Fla. (September 6, 2000) - - The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority's Public Art Committee is pleased to present a new art exhibition at Tampa International Airport which is part of its on-going Rotating Arts Program.

Who: This exhibit showcases a distinctive collection of mixed-media paintings and sculptures by Florida artists representing 12 local galleries. This 22-piece exhibition was curated by the Tampa Gallery Association (TGA) which is a Florida not-for-profit corporation. The association is made up of local gallery owners, museum curators and directors.

What: Exhibiting galleries include African Art Gallery, Gold Dragon Gallery, JJ Watts Studio/Gallery, Artsiphartsi, Nuance Galleries, Phoenix Glass Studio, tudio Gallery on Azeele, New Heights Gallery, Michael Murphy Gallery, Tampa Museum of Art, MacArthur Gallery, and Studio 52.

When: An art reception and dedication of the new exhibit will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Third Floor, Transfer Level, in the Arcade (the walkway between the Airport Marriott Hotel and the Landside Terminal Building).

Why: TGA was formed to bring the Tampa Bay area greater awareness of the visual arts and to encourage, educate and cultivate the general public's awareness of the arts through special events, tours, programs and other activities.

Photo Opportunities: In addition to a diverse collection of paintings and glass and stone sculptures, the exhibit features a young mouse named Rip Squeak created by artist/author Leonard and Susan Filgate, MacArthur Galleries; "Calling Chicks" hand carved by Amos Supuni, African Art Gallery and Museum and a few "Garden Angels" created by Mark Meisner, Artsiphartsi.

The artwork will be displayed until December 12, 2000.

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