

**MEDIA INVITE**  
**Tampa International Airport Celebrates "Carnival"**

**Tampa, Fla. (April 11, 2001)** - - 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:** The exhibition features artist Jack Barrett and curated by the Arts Center. Previously, Barrett was an illustrator for the St. Petersburg Times.

**What:** The "Carnival" exhibition showcases a few of Barrett's oil and canvas paintings along with one watercolor. Barrett sees himself as an observer and reporter portraying secrets about ourselves that we tend not to see.

**When:** An art reception and dedication is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2001, at 9:15 a.m.

**Where:** Tampa International Airport, Main Terminal Building, Arcade walkway (third floor, walkway between the Marriott Hotel and Tampa Bay Galleria).

**Why:** Adding cultural activities for Airport travelers adds to an enriched travel experience. The 2000 Economic Impact Analysis of the Arts on the Tampa Bay area was \$200 million in 1999. Total impact estimates included 7,000 jobs, \$147 million in income, and \$402 million in sales.

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