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NEWS RELEASE

National Ceramic Art Conference Lands in Tampa *Additional Exhibits at TPA*

TAMPA, FL (March 31, 2011) – Tampa International Airport has been invited to showcase one of the many art exhibitions occurring in conjunction with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) 45th Annual Conference taking place in Tampa from March 30 to April 2, 2011. NCECA is a dynamic organization that fosters global education and appreciation for the ceramic arts. NCECA's programs, exhibitions, publications, opportunities and resources are designed to inspire advancement of the field.

Artist Statements

Janet Williams

A Topography of Touch

"I am often searching for the relevance of an ancient medium—clay—in a digital world and I'm exploring ways of bringing together these two different technologies, ceramics and the computer, the real and the virtual. Linking the cool and detached visual space of the computer screen with the engaged and connected activity of working with clay is the digit—providing the tactility that allows access to both worlds."

Holly Hanessian

DeCoding & Text

"My interest lies in examining the seemingly chance events that take place in life and pairing them with information encoded in our bodies. There are highly organized systems existing in our biological make-up, yet randomness to the physical world. By pairing these worlds together, I want to observe the predictable and accidental yielding indescribable patterns of beauty and chaos."

Tampa International Airport's continuing objective is to provide the Tampa Bay area with "world class" transportation. On an average day, TPA is home to over 70,000 visitors. It offers nonstop air service to more than 67 cities and easy connections to every major city in the world.

Joseph W. Lopano, Chief Executive Officer

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The exhibit is scheduled to run to the end of May 2011. Discover more at www.NCECA.net . Contact the artists at www.hollyhanessian.com or get in touch with Janet Williams at jwill416@uncc.edu .

