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New Portfolio-Building Art Classes Begin at the Mystic Arts Center

MYSTIC, CT – August 29, 2007 - Amidst a slate of new classes, the Mystic Arts Center is now offering portfolio development classes for artists of all ages beginning the week of September 17.

Several Mystic Arts Center teaching artists collaborated to develop this course series for emerging and experienced artists. Portfolio development, whether for college entrance, professional development, or burgeoning careers, is important to an artist's resume. Children's portfolio classes cover the basics of art in value and composition, while teen and adult classes help artists build their collection of work for a professional quality portfolio. Sessions are five weeks long, and class topics range from drawing and painting to sculpture and mixed media.

The fall session also includes a variety of daytime and evening classes for adults and teens including *Botanical Drawing*, *Landscape in Oils*, *Painting in Pastels*, and *Exploring Watercolors*. Visiting artist Deborah McLaren will teach the basic principals of drawing, perspective, and color theory in a three-day workshop geared towards beginners from September 11-13. Sister Maria J. Nace will lead the popular workshop *New England Landscapes in Watercolor*, where students of all ability levels work from a slide projection to create beautiful landscapes from September 12 - 14.

Creative after-school art programs for children ages 4 and up are also offered, including *Drawing and Painting from Live Animals*, *Wild Wilderness*, and *From 2-D Line to 3-D Form*. *Early Childhood Art*, for 2 and 3-year olds and their caregivers, will be held every third Monday from September through November, exploring new themes and media in each class.

For a complete listing of classes and to save \$5 by registering online, visit www.mysticarts.org. For further information, please contact the Mystic Arts Center Education Department at (860) 536-7601. The Mystic Arts Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting creativity, culture and community through rotating exhibits, art classes, educational programs, and special events. The Center's galleries and state-of-the-art studios are open year round, and are located at 9 Water Street in downtown Mystic.

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