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Spring Art Classes at the Mystic Arts Center

MYSTIC, CT –February 22, 2007- A new session of art programs at the Mystic Arts Center will begin in March. An exciting array of classes for artists of all ages, ranging in various mediums with some of the areas best and well known teaching artists, have been scheduled for the upcoming spring session.

Morning classes offered in relaxed waterside studios will include *Botanical Watercolors* with Frances Topping, *Indoor Landscape Painting* with Jack Broderick where students will learn how to paint en plein air, *Basic Drawing* with Diana Baker and *Painting in Pastel* with Paula Bradley where students will use the spectacular view from the studios or work from a still life while learning pastel techniques.

Among the wide variety of evening classes scheduled are *Paint in Any Media* with Jennifer Wheeler, *Beginner Figure Sculpture* with Christopher Long, *Drawing a Portrait* with Jack Montmeat, a beginner drawing class called *Drawing from A to Z* with Jack Broderick, and *Pastels for All Abilities* with Jacqueline Phillips. All adult classes are suited for a wide range of artistic abilities - experience is not a prerequisite. Instructors will certainly challenge skilled and returning artists or will suggest experimenting with a new medium. High school students interested in art are encouraged to join adult classes to build their portfolio.

Also, art historian Noelle O'Connor will return to the Mystic Arts Center on Wednesday afternoons beginning on March 14th to present a new series of art history lectures. Her spirited multi-media presentations, appropriate for all ages, are both educational and entertaining.

The Mystic Arts Center also begins a new session of art classes for children of all ages. Creative after school art programs during the week are geared for children ages 6 and up and will include *Paper Art*, *Cartoon Creatures*, *Studio Art Sampler*, and *Draw, Paint, Create!*. Thursday's class targets middle school students who want to build their artistic talents and express their individuality. The popular Saturday Morning Funshops for ages 6-10 will begin again on March 10th with *Making Clay Faces*. Each class will explore a new theme and media with a different teacher.

For a complete listing of all classes and to register, visit www.mysticarts.org. For any further information, please contact the Mystic Arts Center's Education Department at (860) 536-7601.

Mystic Arts Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting creativity, culture and community. Located on the Mystic River, the Mystic Arts Center houses a state-of-the-art education center that offers classes for both adults and children, stunning galleries which provide space for the permanent collection and varied juried, open, and invitational exhibitions throughout the year, along with the opportunity to purchase fine art. The Center is also available to rent for functions such as weddings, private parties, and corporate events.

Located directly off Water Street in Historic Downtown Mystic, Mystic Arts Center is open daily from 11:00-5:00 with ample validated parking. A donation of \$2 per person is requested for admittance. For further information please call 860.536.7601 or visit us online at www.mysticarts.org Visit today!

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