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### **Art Enthusiasts Crowd Lighthouse Center for the Arts' Opening Reception Celebrating Contemporary Art**

Tequesta, Fla. — (January 19, 2010) – Nearly 300 guests filled the Museum at the Lighthouse Center for the Arts opening on January 14, of three new contemporary art shows: *The Art of Film*, *Contempo* and *Bra-Vo!* Irwin Berman, featured artist in *The Art of Film*, presented his *Phototransformations*, a collection of photographs enhanced by barium application, with the final images appearing in X-ray radiographs. The celluloid film sculptures of Nancy Cervenka, along with Deanna Kruger's colorful film wall-hangings, challenged viewers to experience film as an art form outside its usual formats.

Winners of the juried show, *Contempo*, received certificates and cash awards. They were: Best of Show, TD Gillispie for *White Kids (Marshmallow Mushrooms)*; 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Sibel Kocabasi for *Rare Bird*; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Linda Mathison for *Face the Music*; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Melani Kane Brewer for *Partyline*. *Contempo* was judged by Gavlak Gallery's Nelson Hallonquist. Hallonquist praised all the *Contempo* contributing artists for their unique interpretation of their chosen mediums.

*Bra-Vo!* unveiled a collection of 49 colorful, humorous and thought-provoking ArtBras created by artists in the fight against breast cancer. On February 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., a *Pink Cocktail Party and Auction* will be held with auction proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer research mission. The public is encouraged to attend this special community awareness celebration, sponsored by the Breast Institute at JFK Medical Center, and bid on their favorite ArtBra, as they learn about women's breast health from the Breast Institute and the American Cancer Society.

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*The Art of Film* and *Bra-Vo!* are open until February 11, and *Contempo* is on exhibition until February 6. Special exhibition admission is free to members of Lighthouse Center for the Arts and \$5 per visitor ages 12 to adult; children under 12 visit free. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.LighthouseArts.org](http://www.LighthouseArts.org) or call (561) 746-3101. The Lighthouse Center for the Arts is located in Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL, one-half mile west of US Hwy 1.

### ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Lighthouse Center for the Arts (LCA) is a nonprofit community arts center dedicated to providing excellence in arts exhibitions, instruction, education and outreach for all ages. LCA is a member-supported organization with some support provided by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

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### Photos Attached Cutline:



**LCA – Contempo Winners** – Katie Deits (left), executive director of Lighthouse Center for the Arts, congratulates winners in the juried contemporary art show, *Contempo*: Best of Show, TD Gillispie; 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Sibel Kocabasi; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Linda Mathison. *Contempo* Judge Nelson Hallonquist, from the Gavlak Gallery, is pictured on the right. (Not pictured is 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner, Melani Kane Brewer.) (Photo by George Wells)



**LCA – Deits and Berman** – Katie Deits (left), executive director of Lighthouse Center for the Arts, and artist Irwin Berman are pictured with his *Phototransformations*, a featured exhibit in *The Art of Film*. (Photo by George Wells)