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Lighthouse Center for the Arts Welcomes New Faculty Members

School of Art Offers Diverse Classes Starting January 4

Tequesta, Fla. — (December 30, 2009) — Lighthouse Center for the Arts is proud to announce the addition of four award-winning artists to their dynamic team of faculty. The Center's School of Art represents a 46-year history in providing excellent arts instruction through its studio courses, workshops, children's camps and community outreach. Art classes offered are richly diverse in medium, technique and skill level and are taught for adults and children. The highly-credentialed new artists appearing on the schedule bring fresh creativity and method with their talent to share with student artists. Joining the exceptional roster of instructors is a returning favorite after several years away, Norma Conway, and three artists new to Lighthouse Center for the Arts, Sibel Kocabasi, Sam Perry and Genevieve Steel.

Norma Conway, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, is a well-known fine artist who specializes in portrait, landscape and wildlife painting. Norma has painted in South Florida for five decades, and her works are collected and displayed in private and public settings throughout the Palm Beaches. Conway will teach *Oil and Acrylic Painting* classes on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and *Beginning Watercolor Painting* classes on Tuesdays 1 to 4 p.m.

Turkish-born Sibel Kocabasi received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Turkish Traditional Arts from Marmara University of Fine Arts and her Master of Fine Arts in painting from Florida Atlantic University. In 2006, Kocabasi was awarded the Hector Ubertalli Visual Arts Award and currently teaches at Palm Beach Community College, The Armory Art Center, and VSA (*Very Special Arts* for the disabled). Sibel will teach *Abstract II* classes on Thursdays 1 to 4 p.m.

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International artist Sam Perry, a Master of Fine Arts graduate of Florida Atlantic University, has received a number of awards, including the Bernice Gold Award from the Society of the Four Arts, the Hector Ubertalli Visual Arts Award from the Palm Beach Cultural Council and the South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship for Palm Beach County. His artworks are in numerous collections, including the Palm Beach International Airport and the Norton Museum of Art. Perry will teach the *Painter's Toolbox* for Acrylics and Oils on Fridays 1 to 4 p.m.

Lithuanian and South African artist Genevieve Steel received her Art History degree from Florida Atlantic University. An artist from the age of 13, Steel creates abstract and expressionist art in painting and steel sculpture. To further her methods, she practices metalsmithing in her sculpture and blacksmith studio. Steel will teach *Abstract I* classes on Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Lighthouse Center for the Arts also recognizes and thanks its other faculty members: Kathy Andio, Susan Andreasen, Danielle Baron, Evelyne Bates, Julie Silk-Beaumont, Kevin Boldenow, Barbara Carswell, Claudette Dalack, Richard Gibbs, Carla Golembe, Charles Gruppe, Jeremiah Jenner, Garri Katz, Sean Kelley, Linda Kline, John Klomp, Justin Lambert, Jillian Markwith, Ted Matz, Cara McKinley, Claire Miller, Hugh O'Neill, Anne Palumbo, Al Rowe, Randall Scott, Kelly Tracht, Francia Trosty, Mary Jo Wildes, Susan Wilders and Elise Yannuzzi.

Winter courses for adults and children begin Monday, January 4, at the School of Art located on 395 Seabrook Road, Tequesta. Members of Lighthouse Center for the Arts receive member tuition discounts on classes and a 20% student discount on art supplies in the Art Supply Store located in the school. Registration is available online at www.LighthouseArts.org or by calling the school at (561) 748-8737 to register by phone. For a full-course catalog, visit the Web site or call the school at (561) 748-8737 to have one sent by mail.

For more information on the Lighthouse Center for the Arts Museum, School of Art, exhibitions, programs and events, visit 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 Highway 1. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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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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Portrait, landscape and wildlife artist Norma Conway.



Abstract painter Sibel Kocabasi.



Drawing and painting artist Sam Perry



Abstract painter and sculptor Genevieve Steel