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Gasparilla Festival of the Arts Opens Call for Emerging Artists for 40th Anniversary Event
Artists Nationwide Invited to Apply to Showcase Works at the 2010 Festival

TAMPA, Fla. (November 30, 2009) — The Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts is seeking emerging artists interested in participating in one of the nation's top-rated outdoor fine art shows held in downtown Tampa March 6th and 7th, 2010. The Gasparilla Festival of the Arts Emerging Artist Program recognizes and showcases the artwork of up-and-coming artists representing a diversity of styles and media who wish to establish themselves in a professional visual arts career.

The emerging artists selected to display at the festival will participate at no cost and be provided with an individual display tent in addition to a \$250 expense allowance. Although emerging artists do not compete against the other festival artists for prize money, their artwork will be juried by a festival juror and will be eligible to receive the \$1,000 Emerging Artist Award.

Qualified applicants to the Emerging Artist Program are those who have not previously exhibited their art in museums or major galleries or received a substantial portion of their income from the sale of their art. The deadline for applying is January 4, 2010. For more information and to submit an application, please visit www.gasparilla-arts.com/emerging.htm.

The Gasparilla Festival of the Arts is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation dedicated to producing an annual, premier juried outdoor art festival for the enjoyment and education of patrons, artists and guests as well as for the enhancement of the Tampa Bay area's cultural arts. The non-profit organization relies on support from sponsorships, on-site retail sales and corporate and individual gifts to fund its programs and events. The Tampa-based organization is staffed entirely by volunteers. For more information, visit www.gasparilla-arts.com or call (813) 876-1747.

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