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DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET ANNOUNCES ITS 2008 CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXHIBITION PROGRAM

DETROIT, February 1, 2008 — The Detroit Artists Market proudly presents its 2008 *Annual Detroit Artists Market Scholarship and Exhibition Program* that includes the presentation of the scholarship awards to outstanding Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate students. The Detroit Artists Market (DAM) exhibition will present works by the three scholarship recipients along with the nine other student finalists and many distinguished alumni. The DAM exhibition will open on February 29, 2008 and run through April 5, 2008.

This year's exhibition and scholarship program commemorates the contributions of the world renowned Cranbrook Academy of Art and the DAM, both of which have recently celebrated their 75th anniversaries.

The student finalists of the John F. Korachis Scholarship Awards were chosen by the DAM scholarship and exhibition committee. The selection process began with an open invitation to Cranbrook graduate students and was concluded with individual studio visits and interviews with the finalists. After lengthy deliberations, the recipients of the awards and scholarships were finally chosen for their originality, dedication and exceptional art work.

John F. Korachis, who is the Chairman of the Scholarship and Exhibition Committee, made this comment concerning the show:

This exhibition is extraordinary in many ways. It allows us to celebrate and recognize the contributions of two very important institutions in our community. It also brings together many generations of fine artists, all of whom have been affiliated with the Cranbrook Academy of Art. Most importantly, it allows us to experience the uniqueness and creativity of Cranbrook. When you visit the studios of these talented young artists, engage in meaningful dialogue with them and observe their creative expressions, one realizes that Cranbrook is not only a world renowned center of learning and art, it is a cultural experience. It has an atmosphere, a climate that allows this young generation of artists to express themselves without inhibitions. These students do not simply stick their finger in

the water: they swim in a sea of enlightenment and creativity as they begin to define the culture and humanity of the 21st century.

The exhibition at the DAM will open on Friday, February 29th with members preview from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and public preview from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The exhibition will close on Saturday, April 5, 2008. On Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., the public is invited to DAM to participate in a gallery art talk with the scholarship finalists.

The public will find that all the outstanding works of art on display by the generations of talented artists represented in this exhibition are available for purchase. The DAM gallery is open from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information on the exhibition, please contact DAM at 313-832-8540 or via email at info@detroitartistsmarket.org.

The Detroit Artists Market is located in the Detroit Cultural Center at 4719 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; three blocks south of The Detroit Institute of the Arts, and one block east of Wayne State University. This event is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the lot directly behind the DAM Gallery. Visit online at www.detroitartistsmarket.org.

Sponsors of this year's scholarship program include John F. Korachis, The James Giftos Family Trust, Seaway Maintenance Services, LLC, Constantine George Pappas, AIA Architecture/Planning, Inc, Gyro Creative Group and Alexander Zonjic.