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Robert Eberle wins Best of Show in Hoosier Salon 87th Annual Exhibition

INDIANAPOLIS, AUGUST 10, 2011 – Robert Eberle of Indianapolis won the Best of Show award in the Hoosier Salon 87th annual exhibition for his oil painting *Harmony* at an August 10 ceremony at the Indiana State Museum. A 20-year-old first-time exhibitor from Avon won the prize for Best Traditional Oil painting as well as the award for Best Up and Coming Artist Under 30.

The prize-winning entries are:

Award	Artist	City	Work	Medium
Best of Show	Robert Eberle	Indianapolis	Harmony	Oil
Best Traditional Landscape	Rick Wilson	Edinburgh	Simple Beauty	Oil
Best Traditional Oil	Katie Whipple*	Avon	Persimmons for Katie	Oil
Best Pastel	Carol Strock-Wasson	Union City	End of the Day	Pastel
Best Watercolor	Linda Burden	Marion	Crystal Harmony	WC
Best First Time Exhibitor	Ben Johnson*	Cicero	Straight Venetian	Blown Glass
Best Sculpture	Christopher Quigley	Indianapolis	Raptor	Stone
Outstanding Contemporary	April Willy	Carmel	An Unclear Path	Oil
Outstanding Oil	Todd Reifers	Indianapolis	The Hay Wagon	Oil
Outstanding Watercolor	Cathy Hillegas	Floyds Knobs	Winter Glow	WC
Outstanding Still Life – Traditional	Judith Lewis	Seymour	White Peonies	Oil
Outstanding Pastel	Marilyn Witt	Straughn	Waiting for Spring	Pastel
Outstanding Still Life	Dom Garcia	Indianapolis	Vixit	Oil
Jury Prize of Distinction - Portrait	C.W. Mundy	Indianapolis	Melissa	Oil
Jury Prize of Distinction - Impressionistic Landscape	Robert Eberle	Indianapolis	Touching Grace	Oil

Jury Prize of Distinction - Traditional	Alan Patrick	Albany	Deep Woods #5	Oil
Jury Prize of Distinction - Watercolor	Robert Bratton	Carmel	K14	WC
Jury Prize of Distinction - Pastel	Ronald O. Elkins	Bloomington	Daybreak Floaters	Pastel
Jury Prize of Distinction - Contemporary	Dom Garcia	Indianapolis	2	Assemblage
Best Up and Coming Artist Under 30	Katie Whipple*	Avon	Blood Oranges	Oil
People's Choice Award from 86th Annual Exhibition	Roger Merkel	Indianapolis	Summer in the Hamptons	Oil

*First-time exhibitor

The juried exhibition includes 137 works by 107 artists, selected from 515 entries. All works in the exhibition are available for sale.

The Hoosier Salon 87th Annual Exhibition runs from August 13 through October 15 at the Indiana State Museum, 650 West Washington Street.

To enter the competition an artist must be a current resident or have lived in the state of Indiana for at least one year. The 2011 exhibition features 16 first-time exhibitors.

The first Hoosier Salon exhibition opened in 1925 at Marshall Field's and Company Galleries in Chicago. A group called Daughters of Indiana created the exhibition as a way to prove that Indiana artists deserved national recognition. Artists included in the inaugural exhibition included T.C. Steele, J. Ottis Adams, Eugene Savage and William Forsyth. The exhibition has continued every year since then, moving to Indianapolis in 1941 and to the Indiana State Museum in 1990. The sponsoring organization is now known as Hoosier Salon Patrons Association, and the organization's mission is to create an appreciation of visual art by promoting Hoosier artists and their art.

The show is open to the public during regular museum hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free for museum members and children under 3, \$7 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors, and \$4 for children ages 3 to 12.

Presenting sponsor of the 87th annual Hoosier Salon exhibition is the Elba L. & Gene Portteus Branigin Foundation, Inc. Supporting sponsors are the Indiana State Museum and Hoosier Salon Patrons Association. Additional sponsors are Marion County Health & Hospital Corporation, Brightpoint, Inc., Fifth Third Bank and Indiana Electric Cooperatives.

At the close of the exhibition, selected works will go on tour throughout the state.

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EDITORS NOTE: Graphics are available. Contact Marilyn Shank at (317) 293-5590 or mshank@shankpr.com. Also available: complete lists of works and artists included in the exhibition, prize values and prize sponsors.

For more information, visit www.hoosiersalon.org.