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**Hoosier Salon 87th Annual Exhibition
August 13 – October 15**

INDIANAPOLIS, JULY 2011 –The Hoosier Salon 87th Annual Exhibition opens August 13 and will run through October 15 at the Indiana State Museum, 650 West Washington Street.

The 137 pieces on display include oil paintings, pastels, water colors, sculptures and other art forms ranging from traditional to whimsical and abstract. This year's juried competition attracted 515 entries from 278 artists. Sixteen of the 107 artists juried into the 2011 exhibition are first-time exhibitors.

"That's part of the charm of the Hoosier Salon annual exhibition," said Donnae Dole, executive director of Hoosier Salon. "This 87-year tradition features Indiana's long-time top artists, but it also discovers new ones who may someday take their place in history beside the legendary T.C. Steele, J. Ottis Adams and William Forsyth, who were in the 1925 exhibit."

All pieces in the exhibition are available for sale. Prices range from \$150 to \$19,000.

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.

For more information, visit www.hoosiersalon.org.

BACKGROUND: 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.

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