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Event: The New – Opening Reception

When: April 9, 2010

Where: Court House Cultural Center, 80 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart

Who: The Arts Council, Inc.

Stuart, FL: The Arts Council, serving Stuart and Martin County, will present the artwork of seven young, emerging Treasure Coast artists at an opening reception on Friday, April 9, 2010, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at the Court House Cultural Center, 80 East Ocean Boulevard, Downtown Stuart.

"The New" is the first biennial exhibition of Treasure Coast artists under 40 who are in the early stages of their professional careers. They are: Craig Krefetz, Stephanie Forsberg, Jill Lavetsky, Shannon Mahler, Lisa Piccitto, Amanda Rosenblatt, and Shawna Scarpitti. As curator Andrea Maison noted, "The New provides a glimpse into some of the Treasure Coast's most creative young minds. In keeping with larger trends in art today, the exhibition presents a wide range of styles and techniques –some that may be familiar and others that are completely new."

This year, the exhibition will feature work with a variety of media including paint, photography, collage, black lights and live plants. Artwork may be purchased, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit programs of the Council.

"The New" exhibition will continue at the Court House Cultural Center through May 7, 2010. The exhibition is sponsored by Women Supporting the Arts and the Palm Beach Post.

The Arts Council is housed in the Court House Cultural Center and serves as the designated local arts agency for Martin County. The Arts Council provides services to visual and performing artists, arts organizations, students and the public and strives to

instill a passion for and participation in the arts. For more information, please call 772-287-6676 or visit www.martinarts.org. The Arts Council is sponsored in part by the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Stuart, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, and private contributions.