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2010ArtsFest: People's Choice Award Winners Announced

Stuart, FL, March 26, 2010 –Talented artists hailing from across the country lined East Ocean Boulevard this past weekend for the 23rd Annual ArtsFest. Each one was selected through a careful application review process by qualified judges—ensuring a high-end selection of gifted artists with quality creations. Guests of ArtsFest have a chance to voice their own opinions on which artist they believe stole the show with the “People’s Choice Awards”. During the weekend of ArtsFest, attendees received ballots at the gates or in the Arts Council Information Kiosk and were invited to participate.

The ballots were then tallied for Saturday and Sunday and combined for an overall score. The “People’s Choice Award” winners are as follows: Erin Black, 1st Place Overall, Xiao Zia Xhang Minich, 2nd Place Overall, John Cheer, 3rd Place Overall and Meg Winter, Runner-up. Erin Black will receive a free booth for the 2011 ArtsFest and the other winners will be awarded restaurant gift cards. We’d like to thank all who shared their opinions and would like to congratulate all of this year’s “People’s Choice” winners as well.

Over 20,000 people visited the festival over the weekend to enjoy and support the Arts Council’s largest fundraiser of the year. Donations at the gates brought in over \$30,000—an incredible success for the Arts Council. Funds raised through ArtsFest support the on-going programs of the Council

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including arts information activities, arts education programs for youth and support for artists and arts organizations. Many thanks go to all the volunteers and everyone involved with making ArtsFest 2010 a success. Special thanks to all of the generous sponsors for their support as well.

The Arts Council Inc. serving Stuart and Martin County is a 501(c)3 non-profit membership organization that supports the arts and artists. The Arts Council and the Court House Cultural Center Gallery are located at 80 E. Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Florida. For information visit the Arts Council website at www.martinarts.org or call 772-287-6676.

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