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25th Anniversary of LexArts Gallery Hop

Lexington, KY (January 26, 2012) — LexArts announces the 25th Anniversary of the LexArts Gallery Hop Season presented by Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC. Gallery Hop showcases the finest visual artists in Lexington across 46 sites. The event is free to the public and 2012 dates are February 17, April 20, June 15, September 21 and November 16 held 5 – 8pm.

“As Mayor, nothing gives me more pleasure than to see Lexingtonians and visitors alike enjoying a night out on the town,” said Mayor Jim Gray. “Every Hop pulses with excitement and a real sense of discovery and fun.”

“We are celebrating the 25th Anniversary by introducing three new features,” stated Jim Clark, President & CEO. “LexArts partnered with UK and Kentucky Museum Without Walls Project to create a Hop Mobile App built upon the *TakeItArtside* infrastructure designed by UK students. The app is available free to the public on iPhone and Android smartphones and will provide exhibit details and GPS navigation between sites. In addition, we commissioned local artist Yoshika Azuma to create a series of limited-edition collector lapel buttons that will be available free to hop patrons while supplies last. And we invited the Lexington Youth Arts Council to staff a Hop information kiosk at the Downtown Arts Center. The kiosk is a great resource for gallery exhibit listings, official Gallery Hop guides and the Hop Mobile App.”

Because there is so much to see and experience, LexArts created a Hop brochure and website to help participants create their own individualized Gallery Hop experience. Be sure to visit our website the week of Gallery Hop to find up-to-date information on exhibits and other special events associated with the Hop at www.GalleryHopLex.com.

"Over the last 20 years, it has become more apparent to companies like Stoll Keenon Ogden that investments in the arts reap great rewards," said David Smith, Managing Director of Stoll Keenon Ogden. "We have seen it with the Gallery Hop. It helps us grow our business and attract the best talent across the country. More importantly, it makes this city lively, fun, and a great place to visit, work and live."

LexArts is a nonprofit community organization that works for the development of a strong and vibrant arts community as a means of enhancing the quality of life in central Kentucky. Through its annual Fund for the Arts, LexArts raises millions of dollars in support of local arts. In turn, LexArts underwrites the operating expenses for a variety of Partner Organizations, offers affordable exhibition and performance space for arts organizations, as well as competitive grants for community outreach projects.

Major support for LexArts programs and services is provided by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, supports LexArts with state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, visit www.LexArts.org.

TakeItArtside! is a product of the Kentucky Museum Without Walls Project, a statewide collaboration initiated by the University of Kentucky's Department of Art and the University of Kentucky's Gaines Center for the Humanities.

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