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## GREEN HILL CENTER SELECTS POSTER CONTEST WINNER FOR U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS Winner and Fourteen Semi-Finalists from Greensboro Area

**Greensboro, N.C. (January 7, 2011)** — The Green Hill Center for NC Art, in partnership with the upcoming U.S. Figure Skating Championships, has selected Jordan Grace Owens of Greensboro as winner of a poster competition for her acrylic paint, collage, ink, gold and silver leaf piece entitled "Skating Lady." Owens' artwork is being reproduced as an official poster that will be distributed during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships January 22-30 at the Greensboro Coliseum. She received a \$3000 prize as winner of the poster contest.

The Green Hill Center invited all North Carolina artists to create and submit an original work of art to be considered for the poster competition. The submitted entries were juried by Edie Carpenter, director of curatorial and artistic programs at the Green Hill Center for NC Art; Adam Cave, director and owner of Adam Cave Fine Art Gallery in Raleigh; and Michael Lowder, executive director for Artsposure in the Raleigh-Durham area and Greensboro.

"Organizers of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships contacted us sometime ago and asked if the Green Hill Center would be willing to host the poster competition, and we jumped at the opportunity to be part of this wonderful event," Edie Carpenter said. "Our group of judges selected one winner and twenty semi-finalists based on each piece of art's ability to embody the spirit and grace of figure skating."

Owens is a young artist whose paintings and works on paper often portray contemporary figures of young women and men in a whimsical style enjoying a wide range of mediums that include paintings, pen and ink drawings, collages and cut outs. She is a graduate of the high school program at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem and studied graphic design at Guilford Technical Community College.

"I entered the poster contest because I wanted to be part of the incredible energy surrounding the Figure Skating Championships and was inspired to create my entry by all the glitz and glamour associated with figure skating, including those wonderful, over-the-top costumes," Owens said. "I also wanted to weave in the notion of becoming a figure skating champion and did so with the exaggerated pose and halo around the head of the skater in my piece."

Kathleen Kennedy (Greensboro) received second place honors in the poster contest for her oil on canvas called "Perfect Landing", and Alexis Lavine (Greensboro) received third place honors for her watercolor entitled "Poised." The semi-finalists are: Frank Holder (Greensboro), William Heroy (Summerfield), James Barnhill (Greensboro), Erwin Ritenis (Greensboro), Stephen Costello (Greensboro), Pam Shank (Raleigh), Marshall Lakes (Greensboro), Kevin Peddicord (Raleigh), Kathleen Lisk (Raleigh), Jeff Bonemeyer (Belews Creek), David K. Stanley (Greensboro), Dara Morgan (Greensboro), Antonio Simon (Brown Summit), Kylie Wilson (Greensboro), Dolores A. Brittain (Bladenboro), Judy McGinn (Greensboro), Sharon Kearns (Concord) and Claudia Corletto-Coleman (Raleigh).

The public is invited to view the winners and semi-finalists' artwork in the west wing of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex from January 23 until January 30.

The Green Hill Center for NC Arts is located at 200 North Davie Street in downtown Greensboro. For more information about the Grill Hill Center's exhibitions, programs and mission, please visit [www.greenhillcenter.org](http://www.greenhillcenter.org).

The U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held annually since 1914, is the nation's most prestigious figure skating event and one of the most televised and most-watched annual sporting events in the country. The 2011 edition marks the first time the U.S. Figure Skating Championships have been hosted in the Carolinas. All three major components of the event – competition, practice and FanFest – will be held at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex.

More than 260 skaters in the novice, junior and senior levels will compete over the course of eight days to become U.S. champions. The Championships will bring approximately 1,500 skaters, coaches and officials to the Triad and will create an estimated economic impact of more than \$26 million.

Ticket prices for the 2011 U.S. Championships have been designed so that everyone can have the opportunity to attend some portion of the Championships. All-Event, Weekend, Matinee and Evening Ticket Packages also continue to be on sale. To purchase tickets, visit [www.northcarolina2011.com](http://www.northcarolina2011.com).

**– About U.S. Figure Skating –**

*U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union. U.S. Figure Skating is made up of 743 member, collegiate and school-affiliated clubs and more than 990 Basic Skills programs representing approximately 176,000 members. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed.*

**– About North Carolina 2011 –**

*North Carolina 2011 (NC 2011) is the local organizing committee for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be held in Greensboro, N.C. NC 2011 encompasses a collaborative team consisting of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, the Greensboro Sports Commission, the Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, North Carolina Amateur Sports, Sports & Properties, Inc., and North Carolina Figure Skating. The 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships are sponsored locally by Lowes Foods and VF, Local Presenting Sponsors; and by Local Official Sponsors: Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Visitnc.com, Joseph M. Bryan Foundation, Graphic Visual Solutions, Moses Cone Health System, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, BB&T, BEM Interactive, Vela Strategic Marketing and Public Relations, The City of Greensboro, Risport Skates, The Cemala Foundation, Annese Public Relations, Ice Rink Events, Hagan Davis, Joshua Jewel, Pepsi Bottling Ventures, Exact Target, LSK Enterprises/Olympia, HKS World Events, Very Surry, Rice Toyota, Krispy Kreme, New Breed Logistics, Skyline Exhibits & Events, The Greensboro Partnership, and Konica Minolta. Local Media & Marketing Partners for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships include Diamond Partners The News & Record, Capitol Broadcasting Company, WGHP-TV Fox 8, and Fairway Outdoor Advertising; and Local Official Partners Clear Channel Radio, Guilford Woman Magazine, Our State Magazine, Alamance Woman, Forsyth Woman, Forsyth Family, Matthews Living, Susan G. Koman Race For the Cure: North Carolina Triad and Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure: North Carolina Triangle. For more information on North Carolina 2011 and the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, visit [www.northcarolina2011.com](http://www.northcarolina2011.com).*

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