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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

REHS CONTEMPORARY GALLERIES, INC. IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE 'HEROES, VILLAINS, MYTHS & LEGENDS' ... AN EXHIBITION FEATURING THE ASTONISHING TALENT FROM THE ANI ART ACADEMIES' FAMILY OF ARTISTS.

Last year's exhibition – The BIG Gamble – posed the following question: Does contemporary art need to shock the viewer to be good? I think we proved it does not...well, kind of. The overall reception to our exhibition was incredible and the opening saw more than 700 people in attendance with plenty of sales.

We have always viewed "shock-value" in terms of what some artists/people claim are works of art and the astronomical prices certain contemporary pieces can bring. Over the past year at auction, we have seen artists take everyday items, declare them works of art and sell them for large sums of money. In addition, works by Basquiat reached nearly \$50 million, Warhol's work sold for \$40 million+ and a Lichtenstein climbed over the \$56 million mark – to many, this was shocking. We believe the Ani Art Academy artists truly hold their own "shock-value." The visitors at The BIG Gamble were astounded at highly precise, realistic, charcoals and oil paintings on display ... more than once we were asked: are those photographs? The technical accuracy and detail these bold, young, artists produced were absolutely incredible and the fact that some of the works were the first 'creative' piece they produced was nothing less than shocking.

On Saturday March 15, 2014 we will once again open our doors and welcome the public to visit our exhibition: *Heroes, Villains, Myths & Legends*. This exhibit will be the second significant concentration of works in New York City from The Ani Art Academies' instructors, current apprentices, alumni and associates. A broad theme was chosen to give each artist the freedom to express themselves through characters and/or individuals who inspire them. On view will be a variety of works celebrating The Lone Ranger, Wolverine, Atlas, Aphrodite, Mata Hari, Miss Havisham (from Great Expectations), Joan of Arc, Tron and many others; this will be an amazing exhibition and is one in which the quality of the works will shock you.

As we have stated before, our ultimate goal with these exhibitions is to celebrate the good, the talented, and the skilled artists who continue a great tradition, centuries old, of Academic training.

The BIG Gamble featured over 42 works from 32 artists; however, the roster for *Heroes, Villains, Myths & Legends* is well over 60 artists with close to 70 works. We are pleased to welcome back most of the artists from The BIG Gamble, including as the highly esteemed, Anthony J. Waichulis (director of The Ani Art Academies, Waichulis), Timothy W. Jahn (director of The Ani Art Academies, Anguilla), Ed Dillon (director of The Ani Art Academies, Dominican Republic), Tim Reynolds (founder of the Ani Art Academies project), Helen Crispino, Jay Davenport, Erika Baez, Brandon Drake and Brian O'Neill, along with many other established and young up-and-comers: Joel Carson Jones, Stuart Dunkel, Patricia Diaz, Jaiden Fleming, Elena Green and Victoria Steel.

We know this exhibit will be filled with exceptional works of art that will intrigue, fascinate and inspire you ... and a few may even bring a smile to your face.

Be sure to visit www.rehscgi.com for additional information regarding this special event in the coming months. Rehs Contemporary Galleries, Inc. is located at 5 East 57th Street, New York, NY 10022. For more information regarding the gallery, call (212) 355-5710 or visit their website www.rehscgi.com. And for more information on the Ani Art Academies please visit www.aniwaichulis.com and www.aniartacademies.org.

Images of some of the paintings have been included. For high-resolution images, please contact Alyssa@rehs.com.

List of Scheduled Participating Artists:

Abew, Jonah

Acosta, Catherine

Amy, Kelsey

Anderson, Erin

Baez, Erika

Brady, Jason

Frometa, Jonathan

Garlick, Emily

Garlick, Lynne

Green, Elena

Herron, Chelsea

Hirst, Emma

Caraballo, Roneidy Hourigan, Sharon

Crispino, Helen Jahn, Tim

Davenport, Jay Johnston, Beverly
Davis, Rodney Jones, Joel Carson
Diaz, Patricia Jose, Lissandra
Dillon, Edward Judd, Andy

Dillon, Joe Keating, Maureen

Drake, Brandon

Dunkel, Stuart

Edwards, Lois

Fleming, Jaiden

Lang, Alicia

Lloyd, Deborah

Long, Roger

Lopez, Wellinton

Martin, Tom

Martinez, Ricardo

Martinez, Soul

Mojica, Elizardo

Moore, Kevin

O'Neill, Brian

Pena, Eduard

Porembo, Bernard

Richardson, Romaro

Richardson, Shanicia

Rodriguez, Augsto

Rodriquez, Omar

Rogers, Terese

Rojas, Jorge

Rosario, Felix

Ruan, Canita

Skalka, Deanna

Shemo, Lucy

Steel, Victoria

Vargas, Eddy

Waichulis, Anthony

Waichulis, Leah

Wallace, Susan

Wood, Zack

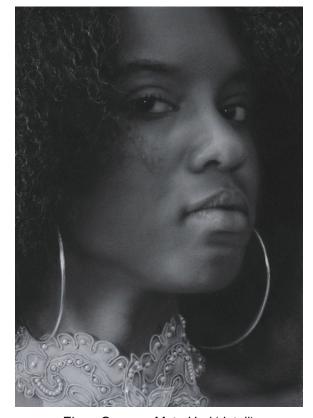
Yavorski, Stephen

Young, Kierstin

Zagropski, Blayze



Anthony Waichulis – *Hi-Yo Silver* (7 x 5 inches)



Elena Green – Mata Hari (detail)



 $Stuart\ Dunkel-{\it The\ Mediator}\ (detail)$



Susan Wallace – Sir Vantes, The Ingenious Gentleman (detail)