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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION DEDICATES GIFT OF LARGER-THAN-LIFE PUBLIC ART,
CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF DALLAS' NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Winning Artwork "Music on Parade" Unveiled on 29' by 9'8" Art Wall in Catholic Foundation Plaza

DALLAS – The Catholic Foundation announced David L. Zvanut as the winner of the 4th Annual Catholic Foundation Plaza Artists Competition. His work, "Music on Parade" was unveiled during a public dedication ceremony in the Dallas Arts District on Oct. 11. The ceremony was in conjunction with the week-long grand opening celebration of Dallas' new AT&T Performing Arts Center.

The winning art will be displayed on a 28' by 9'8" wall for approximately one year at the Catholic Foundation Plaza, which is free and open to the public and located on the grounds of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in the Dallas Arts District.

"'Music on Parade' is the latest in a long series of work in which I attempt to convey some of the passion evoked by a serious musical work using purely visual means. I cannot imagine a more fitting location for this piece than this beautiful little oasis in the heart of the Dallas Arts District, behind a neo-gothic cathedral, directly across from the main entrance to the Meyerson Symphony Hall, and so close to many other world class performance spaces," said David Zvanut. "It is my hope that viewers will get an emotional lift from experiencing the work in this setting. If it brings a smile to your face and provides a few moments of relief from your troubles, then it has succeeded."

Earlier this year, The Catholic Foundation invited professional artists living in the North Texas area to submit proposal designs for consideration. A panel of highly respected members of the local arts community then chose the winning piece. Zvanut received a \$2,500 stipend, and four honorable mentions, Norman E. Kary for "Celestial Memory", Jim Keyes for "TriArtistry", Susan Lecky for "Urban Garden", and James Michael Starr for "Challenged, But Also Inspired, They Take Wing" received \$250 each.

"David's piece provides The Catholic Foundation Plaza with a truly artistic, vibrant and timely backdrop - exemplifying the various mediums of art, entertainment and talent that can now be found in the Dallas Arts District," said Edwin M. Schaffler, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. "As we celebrate the growth and success of the Dallas arts community, we are honored to showcase one of our local artists so that all can enjoy his work."

This year's Selection Committee included: Cindy M. Gummer, owner of The Enchanted Galleries; Katherine Wagner, former director of the Dallas Visual Arts Center; Patricia B. Meadows, Art Connections; David C. Hickman, sculptor; Gary Skotnicki of Architexas, the architectural firm and designer of the Plaza; Rev. Eduardo Gonzales, Rector of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Christy Frazer, former committee member for the Restoration of the Cathedral; Katherine C. Berg, president, Interprise; and Pamela Nelson, the 2008 competition winner.

Former winners include Marty Ray for her work "Celebrate Life, Celebrate Art" in 2006, Ann Cushing Gantz for her work "Trumpeting Angels" in 2007, and Pamela Nelson for her work "Magic Carpet" in 2008.

The Catholic Foundation Plaza, dedicated in October 2006, was a gift from The Catholic Foundation to the Dallas community to commemorate the Foundation's 50th anniversary. In addition to the art wall, the 3,900-square-foot public space is an oasis for Dallas citizens and visitors to enjoy.

Chartered in 1955 by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen, The Catholic Foundation is a donor-focused community foundation that guides benefactors in compassionate charitable giving endeavors, utilizing extensive expertise to carry out the various philanthropic goals of its donors. The Foundation's planned giving programs connects donors directly with organizations they wish to support within the Diocese of Dallas and elsewhere, whether that is a home parish, Catholic school or a community-based charity. Thanks to the generosity of donors both past and present, The Foundation has provided approximately \$22 million to local organizations through hundreds of grants over the past 53 years, and donor-advised funds maintained at the Foundation have accounted for even more grants amounting to millions of dollars. **For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792.**

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