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Art Maui 2011 Slated for March 6th through April 2nd at Maui Arts & Cultural Center (MACC)

Maui, Hawaii - *The 33rd* Art Maui Exhibition is scheduled to open to the public beginning Sunday, March 6th at the Schaefer International Gallery, Maui Arts & Cultural Center (MACC).

Since its inception in 1979, **Art Maui** has grown to become one of the most prestigious juried art exhibitions in the state of Hawaii. The exhibit features works by local artists in a wide range of media including sculpture, painting, video, jewelry, photography, ceramics, quilting, woodworking and more.

Kicking off the exhibition will be the annual **Art Maui Symposium**, slated for January 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the MACC. This year, the topic will be "*The Art of Entry: Online submissions and opportunities in a digital age.*" The format will include a forum with a panel of experts including: artists, curators, jurors, computer experts etc.

Receiving Day for all artist submissions will be held on February 24th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Online registration will be accessible beginning January 1, 2011 at www.ArtMaui.com. Registering online will save time on receiving day.

Jurying will take place on February 25 and 26 by this year's esteemed juror Hiroki Morinoue. Mr. Morinoue studied at the California College of Arts and Crafts where he received his BFA degree. He also spent time in Japan studying with a Master woodblock printer. The skills he acquired there are evident in his direct, elegant, and fluid woodcuts and monoprints. Morinoue works in a variety of media including: painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics and prints. In all of his work, there is a compelling sense of place; he is a patient observer of nature, its rhythms, cycles and patterns, and these observations become poetic images in his work.

Morinoue has shown widely in the US and Japan; he has completed several major public art commissions including projects at the Honolulu Public Library and the Hawaii Convention Center. His work is represented in the collections of The Contemporary Museum, Honolulu; the Honolulu Academy of Arts; The National Parks Collection, Maryland; Ueno No Mori Museum, Tokyo, and others.

A listing of selected works will be posted online by 5 p.m. Saturday, February 26.

Non-selected works will be available for pick up between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Schaefer International Gallery on February 27.

Joëlle C. Perz is this year's featured artist. Last March, the Art Maui Board of Directors selected her piece "Native Imprint" as the Art Maui 2011 publicity image.

On Friday, March 4th, the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts will be the first to view Art Maui 2011. They will be given the opportunity to choose works for inclusion in the State of Hawaii's permanent collection. That evening the annual **Art Maui Purchase Pledge Preview Dinner** will be held at the gallery. Participating patrons will be treated to an evening of fine dining and will be invited to select works in advance of the exhibition's opening.

On Saturday, March 5th, the annual **Art Maui Artist's Reception** will be held on the grounds of the MACC. All artists submitting to the exhibition are invited to attend this preview event, where they will get a first glimpse of the show. Art Maui 2011 will open to the public on March 6th, and run through April 2nd.

Beyond the tradition of showcasing the best multi-media work by Maui's artists through exhibition, the nonprofit Art Maui organization strives to promote, encourage, and recognize excellence in the visual arts.

The Maui Arts & Cultural Center's Schaefer International Gallery is located at One Cameron Way in Kahului. For more information email artinfo@maui.net.

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