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Strathmore Fine Art Presents
19TH ANNUAL STRATHMORE MEMBERSHIP JURIED EXHIBITION

Local Artists Create New Works Inspired by the Theme
“Emerging: What’s New on Your Mind”

N. Bethesda, Md.: Strathmore Fine Art presents the 19th Annual Strathmore Membership Juried Exhibition titled “Emerging: What’s New on Your Mind.” Harriet Lesser judges more than 200 submissions by Strathmore Artist Members to select approximately 90 works and three prize winners to display in the First Floor Galleries and Gudelsky Gallery Suite February 27 through April 10, 2010. Patrons can learn more about the exhibition on March 6 at an Art Talk lecture and tour at 1 p.m. lead by Juror Harriet Lesser, or a Children’s Talk and Tour at 10:15 a.m. Admission is free to the Strathmore galleries.

Strathmore recognizes its more than 500 artist members in the 19th Annual Strathmore Membership Juried Exhibition featuring select works by exceptional painters, sculptors, printmakers, photographers, fiber artists, multi-media artists and artisans from the Washington region. This year’s theme “Emerging: What’s New on Your Mind?” encourages artists to create art that makes visible what new ideas or experiences are emerging in their lives, which may include family, the environment, a book or any other concept he or she finds stimulating. Works in this exhibition are available for sale.

The exhibition is juried by Harriet Lesser. A New York native, Ms. Lesser holds a Masters degree from the Parsons School of Art and Design specializing in drawing and painting and a second masters degree from the Bank Street College of Education with an emphasis on Arts Administration. Her career of creating and exhibiting art spans more

than 25 years. She was the Curator of Exhibitions at the Charles Sumner Museum and the Director of Exhibitions at VisArts in Rockville where she developed more than 41 exhibitions for VisArts and the Montgomery County campus of Johns Hopkins University. Ms. Lesser has taught at the Corcoran School of Art, the Smithsonian Associates, the University of the District of Columbia and the University of Maryland. Her works are in private and corporate collections in the United States, India, Brussels and London.

Continuing Strathmore's tradition of public education, an Art Talk lecture and tour for adults takes place on Saturday, March 6 at 1 p.m. Children can also explore the exhibitions with a Children's Talk and Tour from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., which consists of a kid friendly gallery tour and a hands-on activity. This program will help foster an appreciation and understanding of art for future generations of art lovers. Both events are free, but reservations are required for the Children's Talk and Tour. Children must be five-years-old and be accompanied by an adult. Please call (301) 581-5109.

Strathmore is an established arts presenter and cultural destination, which nurtures art, artists and community through creative and diverse programming of the highest quality. All of the exhibitions are held in the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD. The Mansion at Strathmore is located one-half mile north of the Capital Beltway and immediately adjacent to the Grosvenor-Strathmore station on Metro's Red Line. There is no charge for admission to The Mansion at Strathmore. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, call (301) 581-5200 or visit www.strathmore.org.

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