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CORCORAN COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN STUDENTS CREATE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR 2011 WHITE HOUSE HOLIDAY GUIDE BOOK

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design** today announces its partnership with the White House for the 2011 White House holiday guide book distributed to each guest touring the White House during the holiday season. Eight artists from the Corcoran College of Art + Design were selected by the White House to illustrate the guide book. This is the second year student artists from the Corcoran were tapped for the project; in 2010, Corcoran student artists illustrated the first guide book issued by the Obamas. A PDF of the guidebook is available online at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/files/docs/Holidays-at-the-White-House-2011.pdf>.

The artists — current students in the College’s Exhibition Design, Interior Design, and Fine Art degree programs — worked closely with the White House staff to produce original artworks inspired by the theme of “Shine, Give, Share.” The illustrations will become part of the White House collection.

“The Corcoran College of Art + Design is honored to once again collaborate with the White House for this year’s holiday guide book,” said Corcoran College of Art + Design Provost and Chief Academic Officer Catherine Armour. “It is an honor for the Corcoran’s students to be recognized by the First Lady, and the project has been a very exciting opportunity for our students to create work for this special client,” said Armour.

Centered on the idea of direct and intense creative education, the Corcoran is Washington’s only four-year college of art and design and one of the only museum-schools in the country.

ABOUT THE CORCORAN

The Corcoran Gallery of Art, a privately funded institution, was founded in 1869. It was America’s first dedicated art museum and today is Washington’s largest nonfederal museum of art. It is known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art as well as contemporary art, photography, European painting, sculpture, and the decorative arts. In addition, a dynamic schedule of special exhibitions is complemented and enhanced by a range of educational programming, which together seek to enrich perspectives, support the local arts community, and encourage interpretation. **The Corcoran College of Art + Design** was founded in 1890 and stands as Washington’s only four-year college of art and design, offering BFA degrees in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Fine Art Photography, Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Photojournalism; a BA in Art Studies; a five-

year Bachelor of Fine Arts/Master of Arts in Teaching (BFA/MAT); an AFA in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, and Photography; and MA degrees in Art and the Book, Art Education, Exhibition Design, Interior Design, Master of Arts in Teaching, and New Media Photojournalism. The College's Continuing Education program offers part-time credit and non-credit classes for children and adults and draws more than 2,500 participants each year. For more information about the **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design**, visit www.corcoran.org.



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