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**CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART AND COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN ANNOUNCES
2010 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WHITE HOUSE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This December, the Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design partnered with the White House for the 2010 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 White House Social Secretary Julianna Smoot to illustrate the 2010 White House Holiday Guide Book, the first published under the Obama administration. The artists – comprised of current students, alumni, and faculty – in the College’s Botanical Illustration program, worked closely with the White House staff to produce original artworks inspired by the theme of “simple gifts.” The illustrations will become part of the White House collection.

“The Corcoran College of Art + Design was thrilled to collaborate with the White House on this year’s holiday guide book. It was an honor for the Corcoran’s students and alumni to be recognized by the First Lady, and we hope it is the first of many future partnerships between the College and our esteemed neighbors,” said Interim President of the Corcoran College of Art + Design Kirk Pillow.

ABOUT THE CORCORAN

The Corcoran Gallery of Art, a privately funded institution, was founded in 1869 as Washington’s first and 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. Founded in 1890, the Corcoran College of Art + Design is 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 the Smithsonian-Corcoran History of Decorative Arts. 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.

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