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PUT A CORC IN IT!
RENAISSANCE DUPONT CIRCLE HOTEL AND THE CORCORAN COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN
PRESENT STUDENT ART EXHIBITION AND WINE TASTING

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel and the Corcoran College of Art + Design will celebrate the synergy between art and hospitality with the third installation of **Put a CORC in It!** A collection of 15 contemporary works from students at the Corcoran College of Art + Design will be on display in the lounge of the boutique hotel through Labor Day, September 5, 2011.

Set among the hotel's eclectic M Bar lounge and restaurant, the new exhibition lends itself to the Renaissance experience designed for the modern discoverer who lives to unearth life's hidden gems: collecting new tastes, sights, sounds, and experiences and making them their own.

"This is our third year of displaying art by the students of the Corcoran College of Art + Design in our lobby," said Matt Felix, general manager of the Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel. "Art is a real passion point for the Renaissance guest. We are delighted to present these works and allow our guests to discover the next generation of artists."

The newest Put a CORC in It! installation will be celebrated on **April 5, 2011** with a wine tasting with artisanal cheeses and light hors d'oeuvres from Chef Devon Capili. Corcoran leadership and supporters will join hotel guests and friends of the Renaissance Dupont Circle to honor the artists.

"We are delighted to showcase the work of our talented students at Renaissance Dupont Circle," said Catherine Armour, provost of the Corcoran College of Art + Design. "The partnership is one of many unique opportunities available to students at the Corcoran. This display, alongside the Corcoran's upcoming spring exhibition, *NEXT*, places a well-deserved spotlight on our undergraduates."

The launch of the exhibition's third installation is a timely anticipation of the opening of *NEXT at the Corcoran: BFA Class of 2011* (April 23–May 22), a dynamic, interactive, and innovative exhibition featuring the thesis work of the senior students in the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program at the Corcoran. 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 RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON, D.C. DUPONT CIRCLE HOTEL

Renaissance Washington DC, Dupont Circle Hotel is a distinctive hotel located in south of end of Washington, DC's Dupont Circle neighborhood at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue and M Street, NW. Situated blocks from Dupont Circle's restaurants and energetic nightlife and close to historic Georgetown, the hotel is minutes from the metro and legendary city sites. The stylish hotel flaunts a cosmopolitan lobby bar featuring a rotating exhibit of contemporary student art works from the Corcoran College of Art + Design, conveying class and provoking guests' sense of discovery, while 10,800 square feet of event space appeals to business travelers with state-of-the-art meeting facilities. Discover a city favorite, the Renaissance Washington, DC Dupont Circle Hotel. For more information or to make a reservation, call (888) 803-1298, or visit www.renaissancedupontcircle.com

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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 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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