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**NINE FINALISTS NAMED  
FOR 2006 HUNTING ART PRIZE**

HOUSTON— Hunting PLC announced today that nine Houston artists have been named finalists for the 2006 Hunting Art Prize.

The finalists are:

- **David Aylsworth**, whose paintings have been exhibited throughout North America and are included in the permanent collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; the Dallas Museum of Art; and the El Paso Museum of Art.
- **Francesca Fuchs**, whose more than 40 exhibitions include showings in Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, and Galveston, as well as in Prague, Munich, Edinburgh, and London.
- **Leamon L. Green, Jr.**, a professor at Texas Southern University whose work has been exhibited throughout Houston, as well as in galleries in Dallas, Longview, San Antonio, and Galveston.
- **Darra Keeton**, whose work has been included in more than 45 exhibitions, including galleries in Houston, New York, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Paris, Rome, Vienna, and London.
- **Floyd E. Newsum, Jr.**, who, in addition to exhibitions throughout Texas and the United States, designed two Houston Metro light rail stations and sculpture for the Houston Downtown Main Street Square.
- **Aaron Parazette**, whose work has been shown across the country in more than 80 exhibitions, including venues in New York, Chicago, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Boston, and Los Angeles.
- **Al Souza**, who has had more than 70 solo and group exhibitions in the United States and Europe, including New York, New Orleans, Dallas, Washington, and San Francisco, as well as in Austria, France, Germany, and Switzerland.

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- **Gael Stack**, a professor of art at the University of Houston, whose work is in permanent collections in France, New York, Houston, and San Antonio, and who has won two awards from the National Endowment for the Arts.
- **Frank X. Tolbert<sup>2</sup>**, who has had more than 25 solo exhibitions throughout Texas and whose work has also been shown in New Mexico, Colorado, and Leipzig and Berlin, Germany.

The Hunting Art Prize is relocating to Houston after 25 years in Great Britain, where it emerged as one of the U.K.'s leading competitions.

The nine finalists were selected in the first of a two-tiered judging process. In the second phase, jurors will visit the artists at their studios March 27-29, and the winner will be announced April 29 at a gala at The Corinthian.

With a \$50,000 prize, the Hunting competition is among the most generous in the country.

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