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**“World Ambassadors for Miniature Art”
Wes and Rachelle Siegrist
to be Featured in 2010-2011 Museum Exhibitions**

Wes and Rachelle Siegrist are an American husband and wife team who mesmerize viewers with miniature paintings so exquisitely crafted that they are often mistaken for tiny photographs. The pair have been referred to by the President of The Miniature Artists of America and founder of The World Federation of Miniaturists as “World Ambassadors for Miniature Art.” Their tiny treasures typically measure less than 9 square inches and appear even more detailed when viewed under magnification! A hallmark of their work is their ability to convey the feeling of a larger canvas or the essence of the natural world in miniature.

Under the Magnifying Glass: Exquisite Miniatures by Wes & Rachelle Siegrist will premiere at the prestigious R.W. Norton Art Gallery, in Shreveport, LA from May 4 through July 25, 2010. The Norton Art Gallery is home to one of the great museum miniature collections in the United States. *Exquisite Miniatures* is produced by David J. Wagner, L.L.C., with David J. Wagner, Ph.D., serving as Curator/Tour Director. *Exquisite Miniatures* consists of fifty signature paintings representing the entire oeuvre of the artists including landscapes, portraits, still lifes, and wildlife. The exhibition is documented in book of the same title in miniature format.

A concurrent exhibition, *The World of Nature in Miniature; Paintings by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist* will premiere at the West Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen, LA from May 16 through July 31, 2010, and then travel on tour to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson, AZ for display from December 11, 2010 - March 13, 2011. *The World of Nature in Miniature* is also produced by David J. Wagner, L.L.C., with David J. Wagner, Ph.D., serving as Curator/Tour Director. *The World of Nature in Miniature* consists of fifty miniature paintings of birds, insects, mammals, amphibians, fish and reptiles by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist. A book entitled, *The World of Nature in Miniature; Paintings by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist*, with a forward by David J. Wagner and introduction by Alan Singer accompanies this particular exhibition.

Wes and Rachelle Siegrist are members of the Miniature Artists of America, the Miniature Art Society of Florida, the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C., the Cider Painters of America, and the Hilliard Society of England. They authored the standard definition of miniature art which was adopted by the Association of Miniature Artists. It is a small wonder, therefore, that the Siegrists have been referred to as “World Ambassadors for Miniature Art.”

For further information visit: www.artofwildlife.com

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EXQUISITE MINIATURES BY WES AND RACHELLE SIEGRIST

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The R.W. Norton Art Gallery
www.rwnaf.org
www.rwnaf.org/calendar/view/?id=634
Shreveport, LA
May 4 - July 25, 2010

THE WORLD OF NATURE IN MINIATURE;
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The West Baton Rouge Museum
www.westbatonrougemuseum.com
Port Allen, LA
May 16 - July 31, 2010

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
www.desertmuseum.org
Tucson, AZ
December 11, 2010 - March 13, 2011

(Dates subject to change; check with venues for exact days/hours of admission.)

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