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***LXR Luxury Resorts & Hotels presents Bonnet House Museum & Gardens’
“Impressions of Florida”
10th Annual Juried Art Exhibit and Fundraiser
Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 6pm***

October 26, 2009, Fort Lauderdale, FL – LXR Luxury Resorts and Bonnet House Museum & Gardens announce the opening date of “*Impressions of Florida*,” the annual juried art exhibition and fundraiser to benefit the public programs of Bonnet House. The opening date is Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 6:00 pm and the exhibition is set to open with a private showing for V.I.P. guests at 5:30pm. V.I.P. guests will be treated to champagne and hors d’oeuvres, preview the exhibition, and partake in a rare viewing of the exclusive private living quarters of Evelyn and Fredric Bartlett, Bonnet House’s former owners. The reception opens to members of the public at 6:00 p.m. This year’s theme will be inspired by the cool casualness of Tommy Bahama while cocktails and the menu will feature Rangpur limes—the signature ingredient of the Bartletts’ house cocktail. Renee Quinn and Arthur Crispino are co-chairing this year’s *Impressions of Florida* opening.

The juried art exhibit, presented by LXR Luxury Resorts & Hotels, showcases artists from throughout the state and the artists’ personal interpretations of “Florida.” All guests and participating artists are invited to cast votes for their favorite artist in the exhibition. The artist receiving the highest number of votes will receive the *People’s Choice Award*, awarded that evening. All of the artwork in the *Impressions of Florida* competition will be available for sale with 50% of the proceeds benefiting Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. The *Impressions of Florida* exhibition will be on display from March 7 through May 2, 2010 during Bonnet House regular tour hours.

Additional highlights of the evening will include fine food, fine wine and live entertainment throughout the house presented by 360° Catering. Invitations for *Impressions of Florida 2010* will be mailed in January. If you would like to add your name to the mailing list or

would like to enter your work to be considered, please call (954) 563-5393 ext. 163 or visit us online at www.bonnethouse.org/exhibits&events.

About the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens: Accredited by the American Association of Museum and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is a 35 - acre subtropical estate and historic house museum located in the heart of Fort Lauderdale. Bonnet House, in addition to being open for guided public tours six days per week, year round, offers a myriad of specially-designed programs for schools, adults and families. Bonnet House also has membership opportunities that include an annual pass to the estate and a program geared to local artists. Music students from nearby universities and opera companies gain experience through their performances on property in the annual Young Artist Music Series and orchid enthusiasts have an opportunity to see and buy an exclusive selection of orchids as well as learn how to grow and care for orchids in their own homes during the Orchid Fair, December 5th and 6th, 2009. The mission of Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is to preserve, interpret and share the unique and eclectic historical legacy – artistic, architectural and environmental - of the Bartlett and Birch families, inspiring in our diverse audiences an appreciation for creative expression, historic preservation and natural conservation, while enhancing the educational, cultural and economic growth of the community.

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