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***LXR Luxury Resorts & Hotels and Ryder Systems, Inc. present  
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens' "Impressions: A Juried Art Exhibit"  
Friday, February 10, 2012 at 6pm***

**December 29, 2012 Fort Lauderdale, FL** – LXR Luxury Resorts and Ryder Systems, Inc. present Bonnet House Museum & Gardens' 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Exhibit and Fundraiser Friday, February 10, 2012 at 6:00p.m. "Impressions: A Juried Art Exhibit" is set to open with a private showing for V.I.P. guests starting 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 Frederic Bartlett, Bonnet House's former owners. The reception opens to members of the public at 6:00 p.m. Lois Schmatz and Kirk Imhof are co-chairing this year's *Impressions* opening and Matt Carone will be this year's juror.

The juried art exhibit showcases artists from throughout the nation and the artists' personal interpretations of this country's architecture, nature, or culture. 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* competition will be available for sale with 50% of the proceeds benefiting Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. The *Impressions* exhibition will be on display from February 10 through April 8, 2012 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* 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) 653-1551 or visit us online at <http://www.bonnethouse.org/impressions/>

**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 4th and 5th, 2010. 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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