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2010 Mayfest Poster Unveiling

Tulsa, OK., April 19, 2010 – The original artwork for the Mayfest 2010 poster, created by local artist Christopher Westfall, will be unveiled on Wednesday, April 28 at 5:30p.m. at the Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center on the OSU-Tulsa campus, located at 700 N. Greenwood Ave.

Christopher became interested in drawing and painting at an early age. He entered his first juried art festival as a teenager. After earning a degree in commercial art, Christopher worked in advertising doing graphic design and illustrations for a multitude of clients. After several years of working for agencies and as a freelance illustrator Christopher took an extended hiatus from doing commercial artwork.

While following other creative endeavors, Christopher still painted occasionally, developing his own style of putting paint on canvas. With the encouragement of his wife Cheryl, Christopher slowly began to show his work again and was soon invited to exhibit his work in a local fine art gallery. His work steadily became more popular with collectors until, in the beginning of 2005, Christopher took the leap to become a full time, fine art painter. His paintings can now be found in many private and corporate collections across the United States. Christopher currently lives in Tulsa with his wife Cheryl, where he exhibits at the M.A. Doran Gallery and various other regional art shows.

“Christopher has participated in the Mayfest Invitational Gallery and as a Visual Artist for several years,” said Mary Jo Sartain, Mayfest Festival Chair. “I’ve admired his artwork, especially his Tulsa specific pieces, and am delighted with the piece he created for Mayfest. It captures the essence of Mayfest.”

Don’t miss the unveiling of the 2010 Tulsa International Mayfest original poster artwork. Posters will be available for purchase at the unveiling. Posters are \$25 if signed by the artist and \$15 for unsigned. Posters will also be available after the unveiling at the Mayfest offices, located at 1 W. 3rd St., Ste. 109 and the souvenir shop during the festival, May 13-16. To see more of Christopher Westfall’s work, visit his Web site at www.christopherwestfall.com.

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Tulsa International Mayfest is a family friendly outdoor tribute to the arts and music created to promote a broader knowledge of and appreciation for arts and humanities among serious, as well as casual art lovers. More than 350,000 people are expected to attend this year’s event on May 13 - 16, 2010. For more information, visit www.tulsamayfest.org.

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