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Mayfest Invites Area Students to Participate in Youth Art Gallery

Tulsa, OK., March 11, 2010 – Mayfest organizers are asking students in the Tulsa area to submit artwork for the 2010 Youth Art Gallery. Students' artwork will be on display during this year's festival, May 13-16, in the Performing Arts Center LaFortune Studio.

The Youth Art Gallery will showcase the artwork of students grades K-12. Each student may submit one entry that has been completed within the 2009-2010 school year. Work that has been produced with commercial kits, prefabricated forms or other commercial methods is not allowed.

All students are eligible for cash prizes (3 in each age category). In addition, Mayfest is pleased to announce that the PSO Mark of Excellence Award (\$500 cash) will again be available for one high school student for outstanding creativity and technique.

"PSO is proud to be in partnership with Mayfest, which is an important event for the Tulsa metropolitan area and is excited to continue to honor one young Tulsa artist with the PSO Mark of Excellence Award," said Carole Huff Hicks, Community Affairs Manager, Public Service Company of Oklahoma. "The arts play such an important part in education and we are pleased to support Mayfest's efforts to bring art to the forefront of young people's lives."

Students attending private, public or home schools in Tulsa County are invited to submit. Students can visit www.tulsamayfest.org to download a submission form, which needs to be completed and turned in with the artwork to the Performing Arts Center LaFortune Studio between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6th.

The Youth Art Gallery is sponsored by Public Service Company of Oklahoma and The Hille Foundation.

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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.

Sponsors include MidFirst Bank, Williams, Metropolitan Real Estate Investors, LLC, The Hille Foundation, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, Oklahoma State University-Tulsa, The Gelvin Foundation and Crowne Plaza.