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VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM AT CSS WELCOMES EDWARD ALDRICH

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) would like to invite the public to attend an exhibition and gallery talk for artist Edward “Ned” Aldrich, '83, on **Thursday, April 2nd, 2009** from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm in the Louisa Performing Arts Center on the CSS campus. The well-known Coloradan wildlife painter, whose work has appeared in galleries and publications across the nation, will be visiting CSS as a special guest with the Visiting Artist Program. This visit is highlighted by the fact that Ned is an alumnus of CSS. Southwest Art Magazine printed the following in a review of his art:

“What Aldrich has most to show is a technical affinity, a precise brush technique, a splendid sense of light and composition, and an almost psychic attunement to the natural order that place him in the tradition of such past masters as 19th century British favorite Sir Edwin Henry Landseer.”

Mr. Aldrich’s work has often been displayed in the annual exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists- “Art and the Animal”, which he joined in 1991 at the age of 26. His art is shown in the permanent collection at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum and he has been accepted into their prestigious 'Birds in Art' show on eleven occasions. His paintings have been included into such national shows as the Gilcrease Museum Miniature Show, The Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Small Works Show, and the Oil Painter’s Of America National Show. “Drawing and Painting Animals”, Mr. Aldrich’s first book, was released in 1998, and numerous publications, including Southwest Art, Wildlife Art, American Artist, InformArt, and Wildlife Journal, have written feature articles on his artwork. He is also a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design.



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In the past year, the Visiting Artist program has welcomed the Ormao Dance Company for figure-drawing workshops called Dance On Paper, as well as Patience Heyl, the Resident Artist at the Broadmoor Hotel. A collaboration and outreach of artistic effort, the program seeks to enrich student study, support the local arts scene and welcome the community and neighbors to the Colorado Springs School campus.

“The Visiting Artist Program allows students to draw on their own unique talents as they examine the works and lessons of accomplished artists, and we are fortunate to have these artists working hands-on in the classroom,” said Hans Wolfe, Middle School and Upper School Art Teacher at the Colorado Springs School. “The Gallery in Louisa also showcases the inspired works of CSS students.”

The Gallery in Louisa will host two final art shows for the school year, including the Black Forest League Art Show from April 17 – May 3 and the Senior and Alumni Art Show from May 19 – May 31, 2009.

For more information on the Visiting Artist program or The Colorado Springs School, visit www.css.org or contact Jessica James, Director of Communications, at jjames@css.org or 719-434-3506.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for PreKindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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