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Nationally Renowned Children's Book Illustrations to Be Displayed at Stockton

Best Illustrations of "Original Art" Travel to Stockton College's Art Gallery

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Art Gallery will celebrate the fine art of children's book illustration with an exhibit titled "Original Art: Traveling Exhibition." The exhibit is free and open to the public.

"Original Art" is organized by New York City's Society of Illustrators—the preeminent organization and museum for illustration founded in 1901. This year's show features 129 books chosen by a jury of outstanding illustrators, art directors and editors from the 554 entries submitted nationwide.

A traveling exhibit of "Original Art" will visit Stockton College to showcase a diverse selection of illustrations. The traveling exhibition artists include "Original Art" award winners and a diverse selection of 40 illustrators.

The illustrations will be on display in Stockton's Art Gallery (H-Wing, room H-113) **February 28 through March 31, 2011**. The Gallery will close March 12 through March 20. The Gallery's hours are 11:30-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with extended hours until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and 12:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

"With the growing demand in children's book production came the strengthened interest in the art behind the book. This annual exhibit showcases the original art from the year's best children's books," said Denise McGarvey, who manages the College's Art Gallery.

Celebrating its thirtieth year, the "Original Art" exhibit is not only an opportunity for artists to display their work, but also has become an important event in the New York publishing calendar as a place for art directors and editors seeking new talent and is a favorite destination for school visits. It also attracts local librarians, families and visitors of all ages.

Gold and silver medals are awarded to three chosen books representing a wide variety of mediums and techniques.

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This year's gold medal winner, Renata Liwska, was recognized for her distinguished illustrations in *The Quiet Book*, published by Houghton Mifflin. Silver medals were awarded to Carson Ellis for her book *Dillweed's Revenge*, published by Harcourt, and Dan Santat for *Oh No! (or How My Science Project Destroyed the World)*, published by Disney Hyperion. Other featured artists include Mike Benny, C.F. Payne, Erin E. Stead, Raul Colon Floyd Cooper, Wendell Minor and Emma Dodd.

"Original Art: Traveling Exhibition" will be accompanied by the books, which visitors will be encouraged to pick up and read or read aloud to children. A reading nook will be established and an "illustration station" where blank booklets and artist materials will be available for visitors to create their own illustrated booklets throughout the exhibition.

On **Wednesday, March 2, 2011**, at 2:30 p.m., Stockton professors Michael McGarvey and Jedediah Morfit will lead a talk in the Art Gallery.

The exhibit is sponsored by the College's visual arts faculty and the School of Arts and Humanities. Funding was provided in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts through the local arts grant program administered by the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

For more information, please contact Denise McGarvey at 609-652-4566 or Denise.McGarvey@stockton.edu. For a complete list of exhibits and gallery hours, visit www.stockton.edu/artgallery.

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