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**LARGER-THAN-LIFE WINNING ARTWORK BY REBECCA GUY UNVEILED
AT 6TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC FOUNDATION PLAZA ART DEDICATION IN DALLAS ARTS DISTRICT**
Winning collage "Dallas in Wonderland" debuts on 28' by 9'8" Art Wall in Catholic Foundation Plaza

DALLAS – The Catholic Foundation has announced local artist Rebecca Guy as the winner of the 6th Annual Catholic Foundation Plaza Artists Competition. Her work, "Dallas in Wonderland" was unveiled during a public dedication ceremony in the Dallas Arts District.

The winning art will be displayed on a 28' by 9'8" wall for approximately one year at The Catholic Foundation Plaza, which is located on the grounds of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in the Dallas Arts District. In addition to the art wall, the 3,900-square-foot public space is an oasis for Dallas citizens and visitors to enjoy at no cost.

"Dallas in Wonderland" is part of a series of cityscape collages Guy created. Viewers will find prominent Dallas buildings, Big Tex as a painter, the Pegasus, and various depictions of Dallas art throughout the landscape. She said she was ecstatic when she heard that she had won.

"The scene that I have created for the Plaza mural presents a whimsical view of Dallas; it's seeing a familiar place in a new, unusual way," said Guy. I want viewers to have their spirits lifted and energized, and at the same time, enjoy a peaceful tranquility."

A professional artist for 12 years, Guy's art awards and recognitions include 2004 Promising New Painter of Eastern Shore Art Festival of Fairhope, Ala.; Featured Artist of Artsplash Graham 2006; Best New Artist in Oklahoma's 2010 Paseo Art Festival; Featured Artist in Dallas' 2009 ArtFest; and Third Place in Music Day Art Festival in Fort Worth in 2010. Her art was chosen as the official t-shirt design for the Spirit Echoes Art Festival of Austin in 2005, and her work was featured in posters for Shakespeare in the Park of Dallas. She also has been published in the Kennedy Group's national collection of Mixed Media Artists.

As the grand prize winner, Guy received a \$2,500 stipend, in addition to having her artwork displayed in the Dallas Arts District for one year. Four honorable mention winners received \$250 each: Theresa Thornhill with "By Note and By Brush Stroke," Susan Lecky with "A Bouquet for Dallas," Hank Black with "Wings of Light," and Charlie Facial with "Life's Dance to Victory."

“Rebecca Guy’s artwork, along with the previous winning works, are beautiful examples of the creativity and talent found within our art community,” said Edwin M. Schaffler, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “We hope all of Dallas’ citizens will take a moment to appreciate the beauty of this collage and enjoy the serenity of The Catholic Foundation Plaza. This year, we expanded The Catholic Foundation Plaza Artists Competition to include all Texas professional artists, and we encourage our state’s artists to visit catholicfoundation.com and consider submitting their masterpieces next year.”

Professional artists statewide are invited to submit design proposals for the 2012 competition, which will take place in the summer. More details and the request for submissions can be found at www.catholicfoundation.com.

A panel of highly respected members of the local arts community chooses the winning piece. This year’s Selection Committee included one representative from The Catholic Foundation; Cindy M. Gummer, owner of The Enchanted Galleries; Katherine Wagner, CEO of the Business Council for the Arts; Patricia B. Meadows, Art Connections; David C. Hickman, sculptor; Pamela Nelson, Dallas artist; and Gary Skotnicki of Architexas, the architectural firm and designer of the Plaza.

Former winners include Marty Ray’s “Celebrate Life, Celebrate Art” in 2006, Ann Cushing Gantz’s “Trumpeting Angels” in 2007, Pamela Nelson’s “Magic Carpet” in 2008; David Zvanut’s “Music on Parade” in 2009; and J. Lynn Kelly’s “Downtown Playground” in 2010. The Catholic Foundation Plaza, dedicated in October 2006, was a gift from The Catholic Foundation to the Dallas community to commemorate the Foundation’s 50th anniversary.

Chartered in 1955, The Catholic Foundation was founded by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen with a vision that extended far beyond the charitable needs of the moment. This independent, nonprofit corporation dedicates its resources to compassionate charitable giving through grants provided by benefactors through its many planned giving programs. During the last 25 years alone, more than \$68 million from the unrestricted endowment and donor-established funds has been provided to meet the needs within the Diocese of Dallas and the community, through grants to various religious, educational and charitable organizations. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792 or visit catholicfoundation.com.

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