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**TIMOTHY MARTIN NAMED SHOW ARTIST
FOR THE 2008 SOUTHEASTERN FLOWER SHOW**

Acclaimed Whimsical Painter Commissioned for Southeast's Premier Gardening Event

ATLANTA – Oct 25, 2007 Artist Timothy Martin, recognized across the country for his interpretive plays on nature, has been selected Show Artist of the 2008 Southeastern Flower Show, Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, 2008. Martin, whose paintings have been featured in exhibits from London to New York, has created *Day Lilies*, a spectacular 20 x 28" gouache painting, which will be replicated and serve as the official Show poster of the highly anticipated Atlanta event.

The classically trained painter and sculptor will be a featured guest at the Show, offering painting demonstrations, informal lectures, and poster signings. The original *Day Lilies* painting will be auctioned during the Flower Show's Opening Night Party, Jan. 29.

"We consider it quite a coup to have Timothy Martin involved in our Show," says Kay McKenzie, executive director for the Southeastern Flower Show. "His work possesses a unique vision and a wonderful signature style! He was a magnificent hit at the 2006 Philadelphia Flower Show, and we know he's sure to be a crowd pleaser here."

A limited quantity of the commemorative Show posters, signed by Martin, will be available for purchase beginning in early December at www.flowershow.org. And, in keeping with tradition, signed posters will also be sold during the Show for \$20 each. All proceeds will benefit the Southeastern Flower Show.

About Timothy Martin

Known for his imaginative paintings in which flora and fauna take the forms of manmade objects from chairs and couches to teapots and trumpets, Martin's work continues to attract international acclaim. He drew blockbuster crowds for his painting demonstrations at the 2006 Philadelphia Flower Show, where he was the featured artist. He has been invited to exhibit there again in 2008. He first gained widespread notoriety when Tiffany & Co. Vice President Gene Moore invited him to showcase his work in Tiffany's Fifth Avenue flagship store windows. Moore had given Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg the same opportunity early in their careers.

Invited to display works at the New York City Macy's, Martin was the first painter in nearly 70 years to be commissioned by Steinway & Sons to paint an actual baby grand piano. The piano is now part of a private collection. Steinway has commissioned a second piano to commence in late 2007. Martin's work has been widely published and is collected worldwide. In addition, his images have been licensed by The Bombay Company, Caspari International and a number of fine art publishers. For more information, please visit: www.timothymartin.com.

About the 2008 Southeastern Flower Show – Imagine That!

Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, 2008

The region's premier juried gardening and horticultural event will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center, Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, 2008. Imagine That!, the 21st annual Southeastern Flower Show, will be led by Show Chairman Nan Henson and her team of 2,000-plus volunteers. Honorary Chairs for the 2008 Show are long-time Southeastern Flower Show supporters, Tom and Beth Ventulett. Show tickets are available at www.flowershow.org or can be ordered by calling (404) 351-1074.

About The Southeastern Flower Show

The Southeastern Flower Show proudly continues its reign as the region's premier juried gardening and horticultural event. For more than two decades spectacular displays, created by top garden designers, have showcased the latest landscaping trends as well as the newest and most desirable plant material and gardening products. In addition to competition in floral design, horticulture, landscape and photography, the five-day indoor gardening extravaganza appeals to a variety of interests. The Southeastern Flower Show carries on the tradition of the renowned Chelsea and Philadelphia Flower Shows.

Featuring a new theme every year, The Southeastern Flower Show is an extraordinary exhibition, inspiring and entertaining visitors, regardless of their gardening acumen. More than 200 invited judges from across the country critique the entries of many of the nation's expert horticulturists. Unlike many commercial home and garden shows scattered throughout the United States, the Atlanta-based event is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting horticultural excellence in addition to awareness and conservation of the natural environment. More than 2,000 volunteers, along with corporate sponsors and patrons, support this much-anticipated annual affair.

Guests are treated to a celebration of natural beauty as the exhibition site is transformed into a vision of color and an explosion of scents. Attendees are offered a wealth of landscaping ideas, hands-on educational opportunities, a marketplace, featuring nearly 100 vendors, dramatic landscaped gardens, internationally recognized speakers and local favorites, floral and cooking demonstrations, impressive displays and family activities. The treasured Atlanta happening has become a welcomed harbinger of spring during the dead of winter.

In addition to the magnificent arrangements and brilliant displays, one highlight of the show is The Legacy Garden, an annual outreach program that provides assistance with creating or augmenting a garden for a deserving local community institution or organization each year. In 2008 the Legacy Garden project will go to the Horticultural Therapy program at Piedmont Hospital. For more information, visit www.flowershow.org or call (404) 351-1074.

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