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-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- NEW EXHIBITION AT THE KRASL ART CENTER

Exhibition Title: *Focus on the Figure: Leslie Adams, Mark Chatterley & Randall Clark*
Exhibition Dates: November 20, 2009-January 3, 2010

Opening Party: Friday, November 20th, 5:30-7:30 p.m., FREE
Gallery Talk with Featured Exhibiting Artists, 5:45 p.m., FREE
Kids' Art Workshop: 5:30-7:00 p.m., FREE member families, \$10 non-member families

-St. Joseph, Michigan, November 6th, 2009-

OPENING PARTY

The public is invited to the opening reception of the exhibition *Focus on the Figure: Leslie Adams, Mark Chatterley & Randall Clark*. The free reception will be held November 20th at the Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Michigan, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. As part of the evening's premiere, all three featured artists will provide a brief talk in the galleries at 5:45 p.m. *Focus on the Figure* will be on view at the KAC through January 3, 2010.

THE EXHIBITION & ARTISTS

The human figure has held a prominent place in art since classical times. Ancient Greek sculpture celebrated the physical form, which has since evolved in widely varying visual depictions ranging from the naturalistic to the abstract. As art academies developed in the 19th century, the study of the figure became enmeshed in formal artistic training. *Focus on the Figure* features three contemporary artists, all exploring the human form, but doing so in very different mediums and styles. Artist and designer Eric Gill once stated, "The artist is not a different kind of person, but every person is a different kind of artist." *Focus on the Figure* exemplifies this diversity while maintaining a thematic bond throughout the galleries.

Leslie Adams, from Toledo, Ohio is a nationally recognized portrait artist. Her patrons include distinguished members of private society, as well as the corporate, academic, cultural and civic leaders of our day. Beyond purely capturing the likeness of each individual, Ms. Adams' intention is to create

enduring works that transcend portraiture. Adams utilizes techniques and principles of the Northern Renaissance and Leonardo da Vinci to inspire her timeless oil paintings and charcoal drawings.

Mark Chatterley is a celebrated Michigan artist who resides in Williamston. His ceramic “life scale primitive figurative sculptures” draw inspiration from ancient vessels created in 500 B.C.E. whose parts, such as the lip, neck and shoulder, correspond to the human figure. Mr. Chatterley’s sculptures capture grace and movement in their form while maintaining a rough exterior finish that is lightly glazed. His artworks have been collected and featured in exhibitions nationwide, and internationally in England, Italy, Korea, Taiwan and New Zealand.

Randall Clark is an artist and gallery owner from New Carlisle, Indiana. The material of his figurative artworks is unique; Mr. Clark shapes leather around figurative sculptures he has carved in stone, capturing the shape of the stone and releasing it in the thin cowhide. Excess material dramatically enfolds the molded figure in abstract patterns. Mr. Clark states, “Using leather to depict the human form is, in intent, an attempt to show the connection we have with all other living things.”

RELATED EVENTS

ARTIST TALK

Personal Exploration in the Golden Mean: A Talk with Mark Chatterley

Thursday, November 19, 6:30-7:30 pm, KAC galleries, FREE

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Ceramics and the Golden Mean: Mark Chatterley Workshop

Thurs. Nov. 19 & Sat., Nov. 21; KAC ceramic studio, \$105 member fee, \$120 non-member fee

Drawing Portraits with Bob Williams

Thurs., Nov. 5-Dec. 17, 6:00-8:00 pm; KAC studios, \$83 member fee, \$98 non-member fee

Introduction to Figure Drawing with Pam Kirkham

Sat., Dec. 5 –Dec. 19, 12:30-2:30 pm; KAC studios, \$41 member fee, \$56 non-member fee

KRASL ART CENTER

The Krasl Art Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization owned and operated by the St. Joseph Art Association, Inc. In operation since 1980, the Krasl Art Center boasts a membership of over 1200, a 17,500 square foot, three-story building located in downtown St. Joseph, Michigan overlooking Lake Michigan. KAC has three public galleries, five studios, a library/lecture room, a black and white wet darkroom, a gift shop, and a permanent collection of some 37 works of sculpture. With a mission to bring people and art together, KAC offers thoughtful exhibitions, engaging classes, outreach opportunities, and cultural exploration.

The Krasl Art Center galleries are open Monday-Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 10-4; Thursday from 10-9; and Sunday 1-4. For more information, please contact the Krasl Art Center at 269.983.0271, or visit www.krasl.org.

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