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A Grand Perspective: Paintings by Russ Marshall *Sandler Center Gallery Hosts Local Artist's Colorful Canvases*

(VIRGINIA BEACH, VA) – Norfolk, Virginia native Russ Marshall is the latest artist to be featured in the Sandler Center Art Gallery. *A Grand Perspective: Paintings by Russ Marshall* will showcase Marshall's enormous colorful canvases and can be seen from August 30 through December 1, 2011 on the second and third floor lobbies of the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts.

Marshall graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk and received his Bachelor of Arts from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1953. A five foot by six foot canvas, *Homage to Wesleyan*, pays tribute to the college town in the mountains of West Virginia where Marshall made a serious commitment to painting as a life's work.

After completing a tour of duty with the United States Army in Korea, Marshall studied with Lamar Dodd and Howard Thomas at the Fine Arts Graduate School of the University of Georgia. While working toward his Master of Fine Arts in drawing and painting, he taught extension art courses for the University in Gainesville.

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Interacting with nature and his garden, traveling, attending symphonic performances and reflecting on historical events inform Marshall's subject matter. The Sandler Center Art Gallery will show paintings depicting the Tiananmen Square Massacre, the Democratic National Convention, the Berlin Philharmonic as well as more traditional flower stills and other inspired subject matter. His work may also be seen locally at the Beach Gallery on Laskin Road as well as by appointment at his home in Bay Colony.

A Grand Perspective: Paintings by Russ Marshall will be on view from August 30 through December 1, 2011 during the Sandler Center's normal operating hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday: 10am-2pm or during any performance at the Sandler Center.

ABOUT THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH'S OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: The City of Virginia Beach Office of Cultural Affairs fosters an environment that encourages innovation and excellence within the Virginia Beach arts community. Cultural Affairs, along with the Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission, funds programs and services that build community and transform lives by enhancing enjoyment, understanding and participation in the arts.

For more information on the gallery, visit www.sandlercenter.org/artgallery.

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