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Free 5-12th Grade Lesson Plans and Educational Resources Offered With New Touring Exhibition

Atlanta, GA - In connection with its touring exhibit, *Tradition/Innovation: American Masterpieces of Southern Craft and Traditional Art*, the Southern Arts Federation is offering free educational resources developed by the exhibit's education curators Martin Rollins, Isaac Shelby Elementary School, Louisville, KY, and Judy Sizemore, Kentucky Arts Council. Educators can select from a variety of resources to suit their needs. From one-off presentation slides and classroom activities to complete lesson plans that span an entire semester, these education resources connect to national arts standards and provide cross-curricular connections to vocabulary, math, geography, science, history and social studies as well as an exploration of particular media such as fiber arts, book arts, baskets, wood, clay, glass and metal. Materials can be used in conjunction with an in-person or online gallery visit, or as a stand-alone activity.

- Free Educational Resources: <http://www.traditioninnovation.org/teach/index.html>
- Pre- and Post-Visit Activities: <http://www.traditioninnovation.org/teach/teach.activities.html>
- Lesson Plans & Presentations: <http://www.traditioninnovation.org/teach/teach.powerpoints.html>
- Artist Interviews & Audio Tour: <http://www.traditioninnovation.org/teach/teach.supplementary.html>
- Online Galleries: <http://www.traditioninnovation.org/galleries.html>
- Exhibition Tour Schedule: <http://www.traditioninnovation.org/tourschedule.html>

Featuring more than 100 artworks created by masters living and working in the South today, *Tradition/Innovation* will tour to nine museums throughout the Southeast, January 2008–spring, 2010. American Masterpieces, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, is a major initiative to acquaint Americans with the best of their cultural and artistic legacy. *Tradition/Innovation* is curated by Jean McLaughlin, Penland School of Crafts, and Kathleen Mundell, Cultural Resources.

Tradition/Innovation: American Masterpieces of Southern Craft & Traditional Art is a project of the Southern Arts Federation, and is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art. The Southern Arts Federation, a non-profit regional arts organization founded in 1975, works in partnership with nine state arts agencies to build on the South's unique heritage and enhance the public value of the arts in our communities by promoting

and supporting the arts in the South; enhancing the artistic excellence and professionalism of Southern arts organizations and artists; and serving the diverse population of the South. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee are partnering states. SAF is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, member states, foundations, businesses and individuals. Visit www.SouthArts.org.

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