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BLUE DOG PROVIDES "GREEN" FOR ARTISTIC LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Art contest offers individual college scholarships totaling \$30,000

New Orleans, Louisiana – George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts (GRFA) is pleased to announce its Call for Entries to the 2010 Art Contest. The annual contest, which is open to all high school seniors attending Louisiana public and private high schools, home schooled students and GED students, offers one-time college scholarships totaling over \$30,000 to the top 10 winners. **The 2010 art contest theme is "Louisiana: The State We Love." Applications and photo of art submissions are due by January 22, 2010.**

"I credit much of my success in my career to growing up in Louisiana," states George Rodrigue. "It was on the long drives home from art school in California that I realized how special and unique our state was in the world. Because I loved Louisiana, I chose to paint our landscape, people, and culture in order to preserve what I saw best about our area." The GRFA art contest calls on students to create a unique piece of art that reflects what they love best about Louisiana. A blind, two-part judging process will be based on the student's interpretation of George Rodrigue's theme. Applicants will be judged on a point system in the following three categories: interpretation of theme, creativity and design.

GRFA requires that the selected piece for submission be no smaller than 11 x 14 and no larger than 18 x 24. Students have the opportunity to use one of many mediums, including oil or acrylic paint, charcoal, pencil or graphite, watercolor, photography, mixed media, or digital media. Paper entries (for finalists only) must be mounted and matted. Framed canvases and three-dimensional work will not be accepted. Students must register online at www.georgerodriguefoundation.org by uploading their photographed entry directly to the website.

Winners of the 10 scholarships and the 5 honorable mentions will be presented at an awards luncheon on March 6th, 2010. Rodrigue Studio on Royal Street in New Orleans will display the original winning artworks for three weeks immediately following the competition's close. Students must be enrolled in college for the 2010 fall semester in order to receive the scholarship funds.

The George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts (GRFA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which advocates the importance of the visual arts in the development of our youth. GRFA encourages the use of art within all curriculums and supports a variety of art educational programs. For more information about the Foundation go to www.georgerodriguefoundation.org.

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