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CATHEDRAL ARTS TO HONOR PRESTON HASKELL

Jacksonville, FL –

Cathedral Arts will honor Preston Haskell with the 2008 Guardian of the Arts Award at its fourth annual *Spring for the Arts* fundraiser this March. Honorary Chairs, Jim and Mary Winston, will present the award, which is given annually to recognize exceptional efforts towards safeguarding and advancing the arts along the First Coast.

The fourth annual gala will take place Friday evening, March 14, 2008 at Deerwood Country Club, beginning at 6:00 pm. The 2007 event raised \$273,000 and the goal for 2008 is \$300,000.

The PGA TOUR is the Presenting Sponsor for the gala. “THE PLAYERS is proud to sponsor Spring for the Arts and support Cathedral Arts, an organization with a commitment to providing powerful, creative instruction and assistance to children throughout the Northeast Florida community.”

- Ron Cross, Executive Director, THE PLAYERS Championship.

Featured wines will include those of the California wineries of Fidelity National Chairman, Bill Foley: Foley Estates Vineyard and Winery, Lincourt Vineyards and Firestone Vineyard. International wines will be provided by Winn-Dixie.

In addition to the fabulous wines, there will be gourmet food stations, live and silent auctions, and live music. Expected attendance is 400-500 guests. Tickets are \$125 per person; \$75 for young professionals, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

About Cathedral Arts

Over 1,300 students are enrolled in Cathedral Arts’ afterschool classes this school year. Our mission is to enrich the quality of life in Northeast Florida through unleashing the creative spirit of young people. By providing access to instruction in the visual and performing arts, we empower underserved school-aged children to succeed in all areas of their lives. Today, CAP has grown to become the largest provider of FREE, ongoing and standards-based instruction in the visual and performing arts for public school students in Duval County. The Cathedral Arts Project is funded in part by the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, The City of Jacksonville, Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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