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CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION  
ANNOUNCES SIX PUBLIC-ART COMMISSIONS

The City of Portsmouth Cultural Commission, Art-Speak, commissioned six public art pieces as part of the **Overnight Art!** public art competition. The commissioned artists are all based in the Seacoast area. They are:

**Jennifer Belkus** – a poet who was a finalist in the Portsmouth Poet Laureate *Voices and Visions* Project for her piece "Flowers, Birds and Us." "Flowers, Birds and Us" will be on permanent display in Portsmouth City Hall. Her poems have been accepted by several journals. Belkus collaborated with Tim Gaudreau. Their commissions will be on display in the Market Square-area of downtown Portsmouth.

**Jamie Calderwood** – a sculptor also trained as a landscape architect. He specializes in outdoor pieces that reveal the magical relationship between nature and culture—more specifically landscape and architecture. Calderwood's commission will be on display in Vaughn Mall.

**Tim Gaudreau** – an environmental artist whose passion is the natural and built environment. His public installations are meant to be "found" by unsuspecting viewers, who have no expectation of seeing art. Gaudreau collaborated with Jennifer Belkus. Their commissions will be on display in the Market Square-area of downtown Portsmouth.

**Barbara Rita Jenny** – a visual artist whose work is inspired by macroscopic photographs of human flesh in Baroque-influenced patterning. Jenny specializes in works on paper, vinyl, and lycra, which can be displayed as framed prints, room-scale installations, and public murals. Jenny's commission will be on display in Goodwin Park located on State and Islington Streets.

**Laura Pope** – an arts journalist who has worked as a writer for documentaries, as a magazine editor for the award-winning *New Hampshire Home* magazine, and as story writer for *New Hampshire Profiles* and *Yankee Magazine*. Pope's commission will be on display at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel in the Northern Tier area.

**TF Moran, Inc.** – a New Hampshire landscape-architecture firm assembled an artist-based team that includes Anne Cruess, Paul Kirby, Matt Routhier, and Mike Krmzemiski. TF Moran's commission will be on display at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel in the Northern Tier area.

The **Overnight Art!** jury included a number of distinguished guests: **Molly Colman**, Greater Piscataqua Community Foundation; **Peter Egleston**, a member of the Downtown Portsmouth Business Association and owner of the Portsmouth Brewery; **Christine Lamas**, New England Foundation for the Arts; **Deb Thompson**, owner of Nahcotta Gallery; and **Vicki Wright**, Director of the UNH Gallery.

**Overnight Art!** is a celebration of the arts and culture themes in Portsmouth's Master Plan (see [www.art-speak.org/culturalplan.cfm](http://www.art-speak.org/culturalplan.cfm)) **Overnight Art!** is funded by a private anonymous donation and a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

The commissions will be installed as a scattered-site exhibit of temporary outdoor art in the City of Portsmouth. The exhibit will be on display from April 1- 17, 2005. The *element of surprise* is an important concept for **Overnight Art!**—thus, the details of each commissioned artwork will not be made public until the installation.

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