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**City Gallery at Waterfront Park Spotlights *Jonathan Green and Protégés*
during MOJA Arts Festival**

CHARLESTON, S.C.—Works by nationally renowned artist Jonathan Green will be the centerpiece of the 2009 MOJA Art Festival Invitational Exhibit at the City Gallery at Waterfront Park. *Jonathan Green and Protégés* features 25 of Green's original paintings along with two-dimensional and three-dimensional works by four young rising stars of the visual arts world that Green mentors: Jean Dornevil, Ryenier Llanes, Willie Leftwich and Juan Diaz.

“We're thrilled to have this show by Jonathan and his talented young mentees as a part of the MOJA 2009 Festival,” said Ellen Dressler Moryl, Director of the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs which produces the Festival. “It carries out the MOJA Festival's tradition of showcasing works by famous national and international artists and performers along side emerging new young talents. The resulting synergy is always exciting and is cause for a great celebration of the arts among all parts of our community.”

She went on to say “Jonathan Green is a prodigious artist with a great vision. His works never fail to inspire people of all ages and from all walks of life with his unique depictions of the beauty of Gullah culture. The other work in the exhibition featuring paintings and pottery by the four younger artists that Jonathan has taken under his wing perfectly complement Jonathan's works. The result exceeds the sum of the parts! We are very fortunate to have this exhibition as part of the 2009 MOJA Festival and are especially indebted to Chuma Nwokike, owner of Gallery Chuma, who chairs the MOJA Visual Arts Committee for coordinating this exhibition.”

The public is invited to meet Green and his protégés at a free opening reception, Sunday, Sept. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m.

On view for the duration of the MOJA Arts Festival, the exhibit runs Sept. 12 to Oct. 4, 2009 and is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.

The City Gallery at Waterfront Park, owned by the City of Charleston and operated by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs, is a venue for contemporary artwork that is new, vital and innovative, with a focus on broadening Charleston's arts outlook. The City Gallery provides access to the visual arts for everyone in Charleston, S.C., visitors and residents alike, by offering exhibits that are all admission-free. The City Gallery is located at 34 Prioleau St. in downtown Charleston, S.C., and its hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m. For more information, please call or e-mail the City Gallery at (843) 958-6484 or CityGallery@ci.charleston.sc.us.

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