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RAHALL TO OPEN CONGRESSIONAL ART EXHIBIT: PRINCETON ARTIST TO BE FEATURED

Washington - The seventh annual high school art exhibition, jointly produced by Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) and 248 representatives, will officially open with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 28 at 12:30 pm in the Cannon Caucus room in the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Joining Congressman Rahall in the opening ceremony will be Speaker Jim Wright (D-TX) and Richard Shrewsbury of Princeton, winner of the Fourth Congressional District Art Competition. Also participating will be Willard Scott of NBC "Today," film stars Judd Nelson and Sarah Jessica Parker, along with Roger B. Smith, General Motors Chairman and corporate sponsor of the event.

The exhibition features winning entries from District contests conducted by 249 Members. Highlighted in the collection of paintings, drawings and prints will be "Still Life With Peacock Feathers" by Richard Shrewsbury. The exhibit will be displayed in a corridor leading to the U.S. Capitol through May 1989. It is expected that thousands of visitors to the Capitol will view the exhibition.

"I would like to congratulate Richard on his artistic skills and let him know that everyone who walks from the Cannon Office Building to the Capitol will be able to view his work," Rahall said. "The ability to paint, draw and sketch is a talent possessed by few and wanted by many. Richard is to be commended for his skills."

This year's exhibition -- the largest ever -- is part of "An Artistic Discovery," the annual Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus and conducted by the Members in their own districts.

"An Artistic Discovery" was launched in 1982 to provide Members the opportunity to recognize young artists. Since then, nearly 1600 local contests have been conducted, involving more than 150,000 high school students."

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