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## WORLD-RENOWN HIRAM BLAUVELT ART MUSEUM SELECTS NEW MARIJANE SINGER ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

March 20, 2011 - The Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum continues its internationally acclaimed Artist-In-Residence program, with the selection of Aaron Yount as the newest artist to call the museum home. The Artist-In-Residence program, established in 1985, selects artists based on their artistic ability and their commitment to the museum's mission of promoting the conservation and protection of wildlife and their habitats. The prestigious program was recently renamed the Marijane Singer-Artist-in-Resident program, in honor of the late Marijane Singer - the museum's former Executive Director whose tireless work served to enhance the Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum's reputation around the world.

Aaron Yount, our 2012 selection, is an artist who works in a realistic style to depict wildlife and their habitats. Through his work, Aaron strives to establish an intimate connection between the viewer and his subjects. His residency will bring fresh appeal to the museum's ongoing efforts to promote wildlife conservation and habitat protection.

Aaron has works in galleries and private collections throughout the United States. He is a member of the Society of Animal Artists, Illinois Art League, Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Parklands Foundation. Aaron participates in local and national group shows and has hosted several one-man shows - captivating audiences wherever his work is shown.

The prestigious Marijane Singer-Artist in Resident Program subjects its Artist-In-Resident candidates to a vigorous selection process. "There are many fine young artists around the world, we have been fortunate to host several of them over the years, we are now happy to host Mr. Aaron Yount" – James Bellis, Board President of The Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum.

The Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum is located in Oradell, New Jersey. To learn more about the museum and the Marijane Singer-Artist in Resident Program, contact James Bellis, Board President at 201. 261.0012.