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WINNERS NAMED FOR BETHESDA PAINTING AWARDS

Best in Show Winner Carolyn Case Awarded \$10,000

June 7, 2018 (Bethesda, MD) – The **Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District** announced the top three Bethesda Painting Awards prize winners on Wednesday evening during the exhibition's opening at Gallery B. **Carolyn Case** of Cockeysville, MD was awarded "Best in Show" with \$10,000; **Khanh Le** of Washington, D.C. was named second place and was given \$2,000 and **Caleb Kortokrax** of Baltimore, MD received third place and was awarded \$1,000. Additionally, **Emma Childs** of Baltimore, MD was recognized with the Young Artist Award and received \$1,000.

Carolyn Case earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from California State University in Long Beach, CA and her Master of Fine Arts from Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, MD. She is represented by the Asya Geisberg Gallery in New York City, where she has been featured in two solo exhibitions. She has shown throughout the Mid-Atlantic area, with solo exhibitions at Loyola University, McLean Projects for the Arts, and the Art Registry in Washington, D.C., as well as numerous exhibitions throughout the East Coast. Her residencies have included the School 33 Art Center in Baltimore, the Kanoria Centre for the Arts in Ahmedabad, India, and most recently a full fellowship at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, as well as a full merit fellowship at the Vermont Studio.

The eight artists selected as finalists are:

Kim Abraham, Alexandria, VA
Sarah Boyts Yoder, Charlottesville, VA
Carolyn Case, Cockeysville, MD
Leigh Anne Chambers, Courtland, VA

Emma Childs, Baltimore, MD
Caleb Kortokrax, Baltimore, MD
Khanh Le, Washington, D.C.
Stephen Towns, Baltimore, MD

A public opening will be held on Friday, June 8, from 6-8pm. Gallery B is located at 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite E in downtown Bethesda. The work of the eight finalists will be on display from June 6-30, 2018. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 12-6pm.

The competition jurors were **Sally Bowring**, Professor of Painting and Director of Administration for the Painting & Printmaking Department, Virginia Commonwealth University; **Laura Roulet**, independent curator and writer and **Bill Schmidt**, artist and winner of the 2016 Baker Artist Awards and the 2015 Bethesda Painting Awards.

The Bethesda Painting Awards was established by local business owner Carol Trawick in 2005. Ms. Trawick has served as a community activist for more than 25 years in downtown Bethesda and established The Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation in 2007. She is the former Chair of the Maryland State Arts Council, Strathmore, Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District, Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc. and founder of *The Trawick Prize: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards*.

For more information, please visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660.

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From award-winning theatre to independent films, downtown Bethesda's Arts & Entertainment District is filled with inspiring artists and art venues. The Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District is managed by the Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc., and is the producer of The Trawick Prize: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards, Bethesda Painting Awards, Bethesda Fine Arts Festival, Gallery B, Studio B, Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards, Bethesda Film Fest and Play In A Day.

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