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INTRODUCING Three Prints by ARTIST Jerald leans

Hawthorne Gallery will introduce 3 works by St. Louis Artist Jerald leans on Thursday, February 11th with a reception from 5 – 7:30 PM.

Jerald leans, born 1970, lives and works in St Louis, Missouri. A masterful printmaker, his style is minimalist, melding color, form and technique to create sensuous, yet precise, organic abstractions. leans overlays large biomorphic shapes executed in basic colors that evoke personal meaning for him.

leans internationally recognized prints and paintings can be found in the William Shearburn Gallery in St. Louis and Sante Fe, New Mexico.

In the January 2002 *Artforum*, leans was introduced by Robert Storr, Senior Curator of Painting and Sculptor of the Museum of Modern Art, as a young artist who "shows special promise for the year ahead." In 2001, leans paintings were seen in Tehlma Godlen's *Freestyle* exhibition at The Studio Museum in Harlem.

Jeral leans chose to bypass art school in favor of painting daily in his studio, reading about art and visiting the Saint Louis Art Museum where he studied their collection of modern and contemporary masters. By the age of twenty-four, lean's distinctive style garnered him the honor of being the youngest artist ever to be given a solo exhibition at the Saint Louis Art Museum in their "Currents" series.

His work is included in the Collections of the St. Louis Art Museum, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Studio Museum in Harlem, Barneys Donald L Bryant, Turner Communications, Saks Fifth Avenue, amongst others.

INFO ON HAWTHORNE GALLERY

Hawthorne Gallery is located in the historic house in the West End designed by

architect, Charles Barton Keen, Architect for Reynolda House Museum of American Art. This style features a highly visible green tile roof characteristic of the Spanish revival architecture.

Open from Tues – Sat 10 AM – 5 PM, Hawthorne Gallery shares 7000 square feet of space with the interior design firm, **Idlewild House** at the historic property, formerly the Dorminy Dance Studio, Now with Five distinct gallery spaces featuring original artwork at affordable prices by regional artists.

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