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New York Debut of Renowned Australian Artist Margi

NEW YORK – January 31, 2006 – The Australian Consulate General is pleased to host an exhibition of works, titled *E-Motion* by renowned Australian artist Margi. A truly unique artist Margi has made a name for herself around the world, gracing the walls of discerning art aficionados in Australia, Europe and America. This collection of works will represent her journey as a visual artist living in New York.

E-Motion will open on Friday, February 10 at New York's oldest Art Club – the National Arts Club and will be attended by a variety of New York's art, business, music, sporting and cultural elite. Staying true to her charitable nature, a 15% donation of sales will go towards the Museum of Arts & Design Education Program for Children.

Margi's work unfolds an essence of experience. Each brushstroke is directed by the heart and mind; the paintings are created spontaneously rather than methodically. The results are multi-layered, exuberant and kaleidoscopic works of art that are a delight to view.

Margi moved to New York 15 years ago and has been painting here ever since. One of New York's prominent painters LeRoy Neiman describes Margi's work as, "Raw and Organic." While the internationally acclaimed James Rizzi describes her works as, "Vibrant, colorful with great spirit of imagination...I think Margi's work is incredible." Long time friend, sculptor Cybele Rowe finds Margi to be, "A true outsider artist, Margi has spent her life thus far discovering the essence of being human which translates spontaneously and magnificently through her use of color onto canvas."

Born and raised in the tiny town of Whyalla, South Australia, Margi left for Europe at the tender age of 18. She traveled extensively, supporting herself as a fashion model as she developed her craft. A lot of Margi's work reflects duality and the eternal dance of feminine and masculine principles. She aims to inspire the inner creative spirit of those who view her art.

The exhibition will run from February 13 to March 3 at the National Arts Club.

For more information, please visit www.margiart.com