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CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATION ART SHOW AND BOOK SIGNING
TO BENEFIT SAINT JOSEPH BALLET

TUSTIN, California (November 6, 2007) – On Saturday, December 1, Chemers Gallery in Tustin presents its 16th Annual Children's Book Illustration Art Show and Book Signing from 1pm to 5pm. Artists in attendance and available for signings include Caldecott winner **Mordicai Gerstein, Lou Fancher, Steve Johnson, Joe Cepeda, Raul Colon and Laura Huliska-Beith**. Over two hundred original children's book illustrations in oil, acrylic, watercolor, collage, pen and ink, gouache, and colored pencil will be on hand, plus over 40 books by these renowned artists. The afternoon also features demonstrations by illustrators throughout the day as well as lectures from local author, Stacia Deutsch and the authors of *The Children's Picture Book Price Guide*, Linda & Stan Zielinsky.

Now in its sixteenth year, the Children's Book Illustrators' Art Show and book signing is a premier event for Chemers Gallery. The exhibition, which continues through December 15, features the work of a carefully selected group of the most respected children's book illustrators in the world. Each year a portion of the proceeds from the event support a local non-profit organization dedicated to children. This year, Chemers Gallery is honored to support the Saint Joseph Ballet.

Saint Joseph Ballet in Santa Ana is an after-school program that provides hope, using dance to teach young people what it takes to succeed in life - self-esteem, confidence, leadership, cooperative learning and discipline. Through cutting edge programs, professionals ignite creativity and awaken the spirits in nearly 400 low-income youth each year. Academic, family and college scholarship programs build on the skills students learn through dance. Since 1998, 100 percent of Saint Joseph Ballet's students have graduated high school, and 94 percent have enrolled in college, far exceeding the national average for their peers. Youth who enter Saint Joseph Ballet with few resources leave with the tools and skills to build healthy futures for themselves, their families and the community. Saint Joseph Ballet is thankful for the support of the Chemers Gallery for their commitment to helping to build a better future for at-risk youth.

Chemers Gallery is located in the Enderle Center, 17300 17th Street, Tustin, CA 714-731-5432. Complete information on the artists in the exhibit are online at www.chemersgallery.com.

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Members of the Media may request interviews with featured illustrators and artists, as well as Saint Joseph Ballet Artistic Director, Melanie Rios Glaser by calling Payal Kumar at 714-541-8314 Ext. 19 or e-mail Payal@saintjosephballet.org.

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2007 Children's Book Illustrators' Art Show & Book Signing



Caldecott Winner Mordicai Gerstein from *Sparrow Jack*, mixed media



Local Illustrator Joe Cepeda from *Mice & Beans*, oil & acrylic



Laura Huliska-Beith from *Aunt Lucy Went to Buy a Hat*, acrylic



Lou Fancher & Steve Johnson from *Casey Back at Bat*, mixed media



Raul Colon from *Sugar Cane*, watercolor and colored pencil