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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

November 7 – December 9, 2007

Jon Wassom

“REMOVED AND RECYCLED”

Opening Reception: Friday, November 9, 2007

6 - 8:30 pm

Jon Wassom's art is made up of complex textures, layers and colors that combine to create his unique style full of depth and color. In his work, Wassom has layers, thick paint and often recycled materials to produce abstract and often commanding paintings.

In his own words Jon explains his work to us: “The human body is always changing. Parts die, and new ones are born. Painting is not so different. Through spontaneous

layering processes, it forces the previous idea to be recycled into a new one. The constant change and removal just reflects the ultimate inconsistency of natural human behavior. Each painting isn't necessarily about a particular story. However, every part has a certain type of personal autobiographical symbolism. The ultimate goal is to find new ways to combine various contrasting elements. Creating dissonance through the materials and subject matter, but pushing for harmony and balance in the final design. This just reflects how beauty is nothing more than certain combinations of "imperfections". Each person is compiled differently and will therefore perceive beauty differently. Ultimately the human being is a diverse source for inspiration, and is truly the only thing we can relate to. It is what we are, and it is where most paintings come from.”

Jon Wassom was born in Brigham City, Utah in 1984.

He studied Painting and Drawing at Utah State University.

Exhibitions:

- Best in Show for the "*My Space on 7th Exhibit*" Touchstone Gallery, Washington DC 2007
- Tails West Gallery, Ketchum, ID 2007
- *9th Annual All-Media Exhibition* Touchstone Gallery, Washington D.C.
- 3rd place in Undergraduate Juried Exhibition, Utah State University 2005
- Master's Award, 30th Annual Utah All-State High School Art Show, 2002
- The Artist's Magazine 2001 Art Competition, 1st Place

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