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NEW HILTON TO FEATURE MARYLAND ARTISTS
New full-service hotel will feature an assortment of works from local artists

Linthicum, MD, June 6, 2006 – Hilton Baltimore/BWI Airport, Maryland's newest upscale full-service hotel, will feature custom creations by Anne Arundel County's most gifted artists for its in-house displays. This chic, ultramodern venue is breaking the classic hotel mold by combining Maryland's unique personality and Hilton's world-class reputation. This combination, designers believe, will result in a unique oasis of high-end hotel services and inspirational surroundings that no area hotel can match.

Baltimore's newest upscale, full-service hotel will feature original art by Viki Keating, Marie Linnekin, Lorraine Ellerson, Elizabeth Dax, Lisa Masson and Philip Gurlik. The artists, all based in Anne Arundel County, were selected for their diverse style and distinctive form of expression; each collection will be representative of Maryland's vibrant art scene. The art will be officially unveiled to the public at Hilton Baltimore/BWI Airport's official grand opening party November 8, 2006.

The commissioned work will be shown both throughout the stylish 280-guest room hotel and in *acqua*, the BWI Business District's first upscale destination restaurant. "We're honored to take part in the tremendous economic expansion of Anne Arundel County," says Dave Pollin, President of The Buccini/Pollin Group, and "proud to support the arts in our home town community while celebrating the unique talents of these amazing artists."

Though each artist has their own unique style, luminosity, texture and color are key characteristics which all of the pieces will share. Lisa Masson's maritime photography and Lorraine Ellerson's shore-themed oil paintings will pay tribute to the area's nautical history. Phillip Gurlik, an Annapolis resident currently showcased in *Who's Who in American Art*, will feature his signature acrylics on canvas. Elizabeth Dax' abstract paintings with aluminum leaf detailing will capitalize on the hotel's sunlit interior.

In addition to its support of local artists, the new Hilton Baltimore/BWI Airport, opening October 2006, features full conference capability along with one of the largest grand ballrooms in the area. Complementing its meetings and banquet capabilities, the hotel provides a cutting-edge business center along with event planner concierge assistance.

The new Hilton will be the first hotel in the area to offer 32" flat panel, high definition, LCD TV's in all guest rooms.

The Hilton's signature restaurant *acqua*, features the freshest Maryland cuisine in stimulating new presentations. *Acqua's* design stands out from the run of the mill hotel restaurant scene due to its avant-garde design incorporating sleek, modern finishes. The restaurant's wrap-around glass wall affords plenty of natural light and *acqua* also boasts a peaceful outdoor seating area surrounded by a wooded embankment. Viki Keating, a Riva, MD-area artist, is looking forward to including

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her modular fused glass pieces in *acqua's* brightly lit restaurant and bar: "Glass is an exciting way to work with color because the palette is endless and [*acqua* has] the added benefit of light." The restaurant's recently completed menu with its carefully chosen wine list results in a modern, minimalist interpretation of the state's signature Chesapeake Bay style.

Guests will no doubt appreciate the hotel's unique, free-standing gym-like fitness center and adjacent 50' x 30' indoor pool and walk-out sun deck. Along with the latest high-tech fitness equipment, the second floor location for these facilities allows guests to workout and swim without having to walk through the hotel's main lobby.

Hilton Baltimore/BWI Airport is positioned in the heart of the BWI Business District, offering direct connections to I-95, MD 295, the BWI Airport terminal, I-695 and Arundel Mills.

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