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CENTERpiece Gallery Launches ‘*Locals Only*’ Artists’ Series
Gallery to host exhibition series featuring the works of Las Vegas artists

March 24, 2010 (Las Vegas, NV) – CENTERpiece Gallery announced today the launch of “*Locals Only*,” a rotating art exhibition series that will feature the works of selected artists from the Las Vegas community. Each exhibition, open to the public and free of charge, will be held quarterly at CENTERpiece Gallery, located at Crystals retail and entertainment district at CityCenter.

The first exhibition, opening April 8, will present a curatorial selection of photographs by **Shawn Hummel**. Growing up amid the car culture of Southern California, this San Diego native found the seamless and streamlined finish of the motor vehicle a focus of his growing artistic ventures.

Referencing the artists of the L.A. “finish fetish” movement of the mid-1960s, Hummel began to use Las Vegas’ intensely saturated environment to produce highly concentrated photographs on aluminum with automotive paint. The combination of the smooth transparent finishes of the automotive paint and the lingering city lights in his work create a simple yet seductive image representing color and form, rather than realistic subjects.



Hummel entered the Las Vegas art scene in 1998 while receiving his MFA at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His work has been exhibited in several individual and group exhibitions throughout the West Coast. Most notably, his work has been a recent addition to the prestigious CityCenter Fine Art Collection. [solinvegas](#) can be viewed within the High Limit Slot Lounge of ARIA Resort & Casino.

The exhibition’s opening reception will be held on Thursday, April 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. You are invited to view the exhibition through Friday, May 24, during normal business hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information on the “*Locals Only*” series and other upcoming events, contact Gallery Director Nicole Moffatt at (702) 739.3314 or visit: www.centerpiecelv.com.

CENTERpiece Gallery:

CENTERpiece Gallery – a 2,500-square-foot fine art and design venue that focuses not only on the traditional mediums of contemporary art such as photography and works on paper, but also presents unique and functional design objects and furniture – showcases works by many of the contemporary artists and architects featured throughout CityCenter, including artists Claes Oldenburg, Richard Misrach and Jenny Holzer, as well as architects David Rockwell, William Pedersen, Cesar Pelli, and more. CENTERpiece is available for private fine art consulting services to those who wish to either begin collecting, or are interested in acquiring works for their home or business.

CENTERpiece Gallery is located along the lower level of Crystals Place, situated inside the Mandarin Oriental Las Vegas porte cochère, next to Kiton and Carolina Herrera.

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