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**JOAN WARREN-GRADY, ART ADVISOR
FOR LUXURY HOTEL PROPERTIES INTERNATIONALLY,
COMPLETES MAJOR CONTEMPORARY ART COLLECTION FOR
REGENT BAL HARBOUR**

***Collection Features 400+ Works by Emerging and Established Artists
and Is Valued at \$3.5 Million***

***Preview Event of the Collection to be Held During Art Basel Miami Beach
Friday, December 5
With Artists Present Including Guy Dill, Richard Deutsche and Ed Moses***

November 21, 2008 — Joan Warren-Grady, art advisor to luxury hotels worldwide, completes remarkable art collection for Regent Bal Harbour. Joan Warren-Grady Art Advisory has now curated contemporary art collections for more than 200 hotel clients internationally from New York to Dubai, Miami to Tokyo, Atlanta to Cairo, and has curated collections for seven top hotels in Florida alone. The Regent Bal Harbour Art Collection features recent and commissioned works by emerging and established artists, contributing to South Florida's thriving art scene.

The Regent Bal Harbour Art Collection includes more than 400 works in a variety of mediums such as paintings, works on paper, photography, and sculpture. A preview event during Art Basel Miami Beach will be hosted by Guenter Richter of Regent Bal Harbour and Joan Warren-Grady on Friday, December 5th, to provide invited guests the opportunity to meet featured artists Guy Dill, Richard Deutsche and Ed Moses, who contributed key works to the Regent's \$3.5 million collection comprised, almost entirely, of site-specific commissions. California sculptor Guy Dill was commissioned to create a 37-foot, outdoor, bronze sculpture titled *Close Hauled*, which perfectly epitomizes Dill's two great loves—the sun and the sea. The work is installed on the North side of the hotel and is visible from the Causeway creating a visual landmark from all key points on the property as well as from inside the lobby itself, forming a dialogue with works installed within the lobby's interior. Dill's sculpture plays on the dimensions of space, place and form, and creates a memorable composition against the property's oceanic backdrop.

California-based sculptor, Richard Deutsch, was commissioned to create *Black Basalt Sculpture* for the entrance of The Regent Bal Harbour, which evokes a serene sense of balance, reminiscent of a Japanese garden. The sculpture provides a welcoming transition as guests make their way into the lobby of the hotel. Upon entering the lobby, visitors are immediately drawn to yet another key commission in the hotel's collection; nationally recognized artist Ed Moses' monumental oil on canvas, *Untitled*, which prominently hangs above the waiting area.

With works interspersed throughout the hotel's many public spaces as well as all guest rooms and suites, Warren-Grady explains: "The collection we curated for the Regent is a contemporary art program with a sophisticated elegance. There is a subtle Asian influence which compliments the interior design, as well as acknowledges the property's Asian ownership." Interiors of the hotel provide a multifaceted milieu for engaging works, combined with architectural elements, millwork, lighting and textural materials resulting in an elegant Asian sensibility in homage to Regent International's Hong Kong roots.

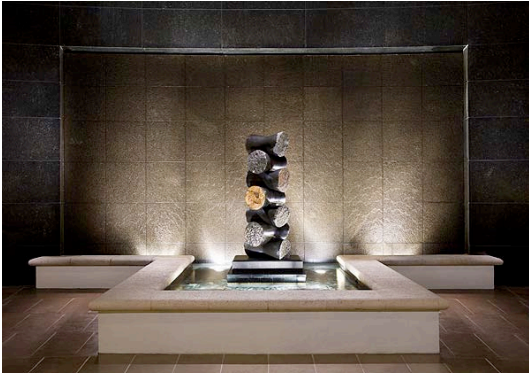
Other artists featured in the Regent Bal Harbour's collection include San Francisco painter Darren Waterston, whose limited edition, hand-embellished prints are installed in the Living Rooms of all Suites, as well as Colombian artist Olga deAmaral, whose luminous silver leaf wall hangings welcome spa visitors with the tranquil radiance of a Japanese countryside at sunset. Other prominent works include: *Collage of Antique Birds*, a wall sculpture in the hotel lobby by Joe Walters; a large-scale, Asian-influenced mural by Venezuelan artist Arturo Herrera located in the Gallery; and a glazed ceramic sculpture from Omaha-based artist Jun Kaneko's *Dango* series that is set at the entrance to the hotel's signature restaurant, *1 Bleu*.

About Joan Warren-Grady

Joan Warren-Grady Art Advisory is a full service art consultancy with the focus of providing art programs that address the needs of each individual client and project. With over 20 years in the industry, Joan Warren-Grady Art Advisory is a leader in hospitality design. The firm employs an extremely qualified and creative staff with a profound knowledge of aesthetics, as well as an understanding of the specific physical and social environment in which the works are to be placed. Each project is tailored to the needs of the owner, operator and especially the expected guests. Warren-Grady's recent and current projects include: Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Summer 08); The Residences at Little Nell, Aspen, CO (Winter 08); and, The Ritz Carlton Hotel & Condominiums, Turks & Caicos Islands (Early 09). For more information visit www.jwgaa.com or contact info@warren-grady.net

About The Regent Bal Harbour

The first major hotel in Bal Harbour Village in more than a half-century, The Regent Bal Harbour is an Art Moderne gem establishing a new standard of luxury on the Atlantic beachfront just north of Miami. The 18-story property features 124 rooms arrayed with Asian-influenced elegance, including expansive ocean-view terraces, mahogany parquet floors, granite stone, seductive leather details, and stunning bathrooms with free standing bathtubs set before floor-to-ceiling windows. The resort's Presidential Suite occupies the majority of the 18th floor, with 3,500 square-feet including 702 square-feet of terraces. The signature restaurant, *1 Bleu*, serves a contemporary menu of international Mediterranean seafood highlighting produce from South Florida green markets and the freshest local seafood, while the View Bar is a casual spot to imbibe before oceanfront views. The Guerlain Spa is a 10,000 square-foot oasis of calm and luxury with bamboo flooring, a limestone waterfall, and an extensive treatment menu. And, along with 750-feet of beach frontage and a selection of water sports, the resort's expansive pool is a must-do experience, with poolside dining, private cabanas and private Roman hot tubs. The resort is located just a quick walk – or an even quicker ride via luxury car service – from the renowned Bal Harbour Shops, featuring chic boutiques and top designers. For more information or reservations call 1-800-545-4000 or visit www.RegentHotels.com/BalHarbour.



Richard Deutsch, *Black Basalt Sculpture*, Front Entry, Regent Bal Harbour



Guy Dill, Bronze, *Close Hauled*, North Side of Hotel, Regent Bal Harbour



Ed Moses, Oil on Canvas, *Untitled*, Hotel Lobby, Regent Bal Harbour

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