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Malovat Art Gallery Introduces Kristen Florey

Chicago, IL ... June 11, 2002 – Malovat Art Gallery, Chicago's newest fine art gallery is pleased to introduce Kristen Florey for her first exhibition in Chicago. The works displayed in this brilliant exhibit demonstrate the revival of perhaps the oldest fine art technique: encaustic painting. The opening reception for art enthusiasts, collectors and members of the press will be held on Friday, June 21, 2002. Malovat Art Gallery is located at 1630 North Milwaukee Avenue, in the heart of Bucktown.

The artist uses encaustic and black tar on canvas or wood panel, layering and scratching, or using a variety of other methods to achieve a satisfying result. She finds encaustic to be uniquely appropriate for the communication of a vast array of her spiritual, philosophical and environmental concerns. The artist lives and works on a certified organic farm in Bloomington, Indiana. She often acquires tangible objects from a nearby landfill and incorporates them directly in her art.

The artist layers color upon color with immediacy, working and reworking her paintings. She scratches or scrapes into the paintings using various tools to create a new sense of depth or variation of texture. She creates a wide variety of texture, ranging from very smooth glass like surfaces, light or heavy brushstrokes, or extremely rough and sculptured. Often employing miniature creatures or long linear formats she creates tiny communities and cubbies that echo the simplicity of nature with an intimate human touch of craftsmanship. Through the physical working and reworking of material, Kristen begins to clarify her particular experience of all primal, visceral, inferior and sensual worlds. This spectacular exhibition is essential to every art lover.

The opening reception will be held at 5:00 PM. on Friday, June 21, 2002. Malovat will feature this exhibition through July 14, 2002. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday from 11 AM until 8 PM and Saturday from 11 AM until 6 PM. Private showings are also available by calling the gallery's director, Catherine Seward at 773.278.8600.