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***Turn On Your Masters* Art Exhibit Opens April 5, 2013**

Opening Reception: Friday, April 5, 7–10 pm

Show Dates: April 5–28, 2013

Alexandria, VA (released: March 6, 2013) – Artists take an opportunity to pay homage to their favorite masters, question the hoopla surrounding particular pieces and praise, critique, or dish the artist and peers who have influenced them in *Turn On Your Masters*, an upcoming art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans. Come to the opening reception on Friday, April 5 from 7-10 pm to mingle with the artists other art appreciators and in the spirit of the show's title. There will be a musical performance art event inspired by the legendary opera diva Maria Callas.

Satire can be the biggest compliment to a master artist as are works that pay homage to the master. A master may be from any era or even current day. A picture of DRA artists' selected master/master artwork will be displayed next to the artwork. The show contains both 2- and 3-dimensional art as well as textiles.

We are honored to introduce our Show Awarding Judge: Scott Brooks (www.scottgbrooks.com). His extensive portfolio reveals that Scott is an excellent choice to jury the *Turn On Your Masters* awards. Scott's work embodies the whimsy and irony that is the basis of the *Turn On Your Masters* theme. A local artist, Scott has built a well-respected reputation as a professional painter and illustrator both nationally and abroad.

The show runs April 5 through April 28, 2013 at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: Thursdays, noon to 6 pm; Fridays, noon to 9 pm; Saturdays, 10 am to 9 pm; and Sundays, noon to 6 pm. The gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible.

For more information, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact the curators Zade Ramsey (zade.ramsey@gmail.com, 703-731-8802) or Drew Carioso (atenart@carioso.net, 703-967-6646).

Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

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