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Local Artist Nicholas Croghan Brings a Fresh Perspective to the Gallery at the Brown Hotel *Local Artist's Exhibit Opening Reception June 20*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (June 4, 2008) - - - The Gallery at The Brown Hotel proudly presents an exhibition of new work by University of Louisville alumnus Nicholas Croghan. The show will open on Monday, June 20 with a wine and cheese reception from 6 to 8 pm that is open to the public. On view through August 1, the show offers a unique opportunity for enthusiasts to add a piece by this up-and-coming artist to their collections.

"The Brown is ecstatic to host such an edgy and modern show, it is unlike anything we have exhibited before," said Katherine Bennett, Gallery at The Brown manager. "Nicholas Croghan's work won the popular vote for our Hot Brown Art contest and we are so excited to exhibit more creations from this up and coming local artist."

Croghan received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Murray State University in 2003. He recently received his M.A. from the University of Louisville. Croghan is a nationally exhibiting artist and earned an Honorable Mention at a Nationally Juried Show titled Scene/Unseen at Eastern New Mexico University.

Croghan juxtaposes concepts found within images of natural history and mechanical engineering. Experiences from high atop summits or battling hurricane winds aboard a sailboat form the abstracted aesthetic of the compositions. Within the labyrinthine microcosms a person can lose themselves and continually discover new perspectives. Silver point, one of many mediums employed by the artist, creates fine details that tarnish and darken over time. Croghan also uses other eclectic materials like egg shells, stone, and mushrooms to create tactile, illusionary surfaces.

The Brown Gallery showcases local artists each quarter to help bring awareness to Louisville's artistic scene. It is located on the first floor of The Brown Hotel. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Brown Hotel, located at Fourth and Broadway, has been a Louisville tradition for more than 80 years. For reservations or more information, call 502-583-1234 or visit The Brown's website at www.brownhotel.com.

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