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## **NYLO PROVIDENCE/WARWICK ANNOUNCES LOCAL ARTISTS TO DISPLAY ARTWORK AT NEW HOTEL**

**WARWICK (May 16, 2008)** -- NYLO Providence/Warwick today announced the winning artists in the NYLO Providence/Warwick Art Contest, who will have their work displayed in the hotel guestrooms, corridors and public spaces in the new boutique, loft-style hotel set to open in August 2008. In effect, NYLO Providence/Warwick will serve as an art gallery, treating guests and visitors to dynamic displays that showcase the fabric of Rhode Island and the local community through the medium of each artist. And, as in an art gallery, admirers of the works will be able to purchase the inspired pieces online or at the hotel.

“Rhode Island is known for fostering a vibrant arts community, and we felt it was very important to embrace the world class talent available right here,” said Patrick O’Neil, executive vice president of operations for the innovative loft lifestyle hotel. “The art competition provides tremendous exposure for the artists while capturing the uniqueness and richness of the NYLO experience.”

In addition to the hotel-wide exposure, artists’ works will be available for viewing and purchase online at [www.nylohotels.com](http://www.nylohotels.com). NYLO makes no profit from the sale of the artwork; rather the artists will share revenues with a local non-profit organization. The artists were recently honored at a luncheon hosted by NYLO executives, and will be recognized as guest of honors at NYLO Providence/Warwick’s opening night gala.

NYLO Providence/Warwick received submissions from more than 150 local artists. The featured artwork is eclectic as a collection and showcases various mediums including photography and paint. And, while the topics range from the majestic force and phenomenon of nature, to the gentle grace and beauty of one of Rhode Island’s favorite pastimes, to pop culture icons intermingled in everyday life, the common thread is the artists’ talent for exploring and capturing moments in time and presenting them in a unique perspective. All paintings will be reproduced using the giclee process to preserve the integrity of the artwork.

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“Art is a natural fit with NYLO Providence/Warwick’s urban loft aesthetic,” said Amanda Emmo, Design Associate for NYLO Hotels. “Just as each of our winning artists is an innovator in their work, NYLO Providence/Warwick is an innovator in the loft lifestyle hotel market, offering high design, superior customer service and top-of-the line amenities catering to business and leisure travelers seeking an energized lodging experience.”

The winning artists include (bio information for each artists listed at the end):

### **Guest Room Art:**

Susan Kirwan- Keen- 4 photos selected

Brian O’Malley- 1 painting

Vanessa Van Ryzin- 8 photos selected

### **Corridor**

Michael Eudenbach – 10 photos selected

Matthew Cohen- 8 photos selected

Justin McGovern- 6 photos selected

Don Kennedy- 1 photo selected

Caitlin Rose Beck- 1 photo selected

Craig DeFusco- 1 photo selected

### **About NYLO Providence/Warwick**

Designed by Stephane Dupoux, one of the America’s top designers and architects, NYLO Providence/Warwick is set to make its much-anticipated debut in Summer 2008, as the first property in New England with loft lifestyle hotel innovator, NYLO Hotels. When completed, the hotel will feature 163 guest lofts and more than 1,166 square feet of meeting and event space. Each guest loft is 300 square feet of bright, airy living space with 10-foot plus ceilings, exposed brick walls and floor to ceiling windows. The property also offers a Pure Floor, with allergy-friendly gusts lofts.

NYLO Providence/Warwick’s signature ultra-socials living area, the Loft, features a state-of-the-art business center, stylish bar, comfortable working library, fully-equipped fitness center, original artwork and entertainment by local artists, boutique shop and restaurant serving sophisticated comfort cuisine.

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Overlooking the scenic Pawtuxet River, NYLO Providence/Warwick sits on the northeast corner of Greenwich Ave./Route 5 and Knight Street in historic Pontiac Mills. The hotel is convenient to TF Green International Airport; Rhode Island's leading retail corridor, Route 2; golf courses; parks; marinas; and some of New England's most popular beaches spread along Warwick's 39 miles of coastline. Poised to become one of Rhode Island's premier mixed-use communities, Pontiac Mills once was home to a bustling textile mill with handsome redbrick buildings dating back to the mid 1800s. When completed, the revitalized, master planned development will house an eclectic mix of restaurants, residences, businesses and boutiques.

#### **About NYLO**

Atlanta-based NYLO Hotels offers a new class of hotels that combines the dynamic qualities of urban residential loft-style living with the best-of-the-industry features of leading hotel brands. The properties will feature bright, spacious loft accommodations; state-of-the-art business center; gym; and 24-hour, healthy-alternative restaurant and bar. They will cater to business and leisure travelers seeking an energized alternative to the bland, one-size-fits-all experience typically found in mid-priced lodgings. For more information, visit [www.nylohotels.com](http://www.nylohotels.com).

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