

# Press Release

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## 7 FRIENDS



### **For Immediate Release**

Kirchman Gallery presents **Seven Friends**  
A Solo Exhibition of New Work  
By Stephen Sumrall Orsak  
Johnson City, Texas  
April, 2006

(Johnson City, Texas, January 31, 2006) Kirchman Gallery announces **Seven Friends**, a solo exhibition of new work by seven-year-old artist Stephen Sumrall Orsak of Houston. Stephen's work will be on display in the north gallery during the months of April and May.

A seemingly successful attempt to bolster his self confidence, Stephen's art is in high demand. Having some direction in helping their son work with his multi-sensory learning style, Stephen's parents had a plan. The first step was to keep Stephen motivated and confident. They took what came naturally and encouraged his art.

Stephen was born in the People's Republic of China and was adopted by his parents in 1999 when he came to live in Texas.

At Houston Foundry, Stephen works in his studio among a community of 30 artists. In this building, Stephen creates at a fever pitch. For his upcoming exhibition, Stephen will be featuring a new series of work featuring portraits of friends nobody has ever met.

This being his second solo show in addition to several group shows, Stephen has the drill down. At the reception, he wears black, introduces visitors to his work, and puts a dot on the place card when a piece sells. He seems to be using a lot of dots lately, with his March 2005 show **Six** a surprising sell-out.

Stephen has attended art classes at the Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, but he's taking a break from those at the moment. Stephen attends the elementary program of a Houston Montessori school and has specialized attention in and out of the classroom with his learning style. With so much effort geared towards learning to read and organize his school work, his art is a welcome change of pace.

This spring Stephen and studio-mate Kathy Biddle are joining forces for a group show in February at Houston Foundry. During March their studio will be open during Inner Corridor Art Open Studios ([www.innercorridorart.com](http://www.innercorridorart.com)) and also during openings held as part of Fotofest2006 ([www.fotofest.org](http://www.fotofest.org)). Stephen is following this engagement with a solo exhibition at Four Westlake Park in Houston during May ([www.fourwestlakepark.com](http://www.fourwestlakepark.com)).

Kirchman Gallery specializes in contemporary fine art including photography, painting, drawing and sculpture. It is located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, across from the historic Blanco County Courthouse in Johnson City.

**Seven Friends** exhibition opens April 1<sup>st</sup> and closes May 26<sup>th</sup>, when Stephen turns eight. Kirchman Gallery is open Wednesday – Sunday from 1-6pm, and by appointment almost anytime. An artist reception will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm following Arts Encounters at the Benini Foundation near Johnson City.

What: Art Exhibition  
When: Artist Reception, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm  
Exhibition, April 1<sup>st</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Kirchman Gallery, Johnson City, Texas

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