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Tucker's Point Club raises \$25,000 for ArtReach

Hamilton, Bermuda, November 22, 2006 — The Bermuda National Gallery's ArtReach educational programme received a welcome \$25,000 boost from Tucker's Point Club following a recent Jazz and Champagne Tasting Dinner and auction conducted by James Rylands of BBC TV's Antique Roadshow.

More than 100 guests attended the gala black tie event that included entertainment by the James Richardson trio featuring the BNG's Development Director Gita Blakeney-Saltus and a tasting commentary by sommelier Elis Frazzoni of Goslings.

Items auctioned by Mr. Rylands, a director of Sotheby's, London included an original painting by Bermudian artist Sheilagh Head, sculptures by Shona Master Fine Artist Elliott Kaombera of Zimbabwe, a behind-the-scenes tour of Christies, New York; and a six-night stay at the Residence Club at Tucker's Point including dinner for eight prepared by award-winning chef Serge Botelli.

The net proceeds from the event were donated directly to ArtReach, a BNG initiative that encompasses education, students and artwork. The programme is a comprehensive year-round curriculum with a focus on students aged 9 to 11 that uses the BNG's exhibitions as a major resource for learning. ArtReach enables visual art from around the world to be integrated into each school's curricula, thus reaching thousands of children in a meaningful way.

BNG Director Laura Gorham said: "We are absolutely delighted with the success of this event. It was a fabulous evening and we sincerely wish to thank the management and staff of the Tucker's Point Club for hosting it and supporting this worthwhile cause.

“ArtReach is a vital component of our education programme at the BNG through which the Island’s students are exposed to the visual arts both here in Bermuda and from a global and historical perspective.”

PICTURE CAPTION:

(From left) BNG Trustee Michael Whittall; Eric Brooks, Tuckers Point Club Chief Operating Officer; BNG Development Director Gita Blakeney-Saltus; BNG Director Laura Gorham; and BNG Chairman David L. White show off the big cheque raised for ArtReach.

Note to editors

About the Bermuda National Gallery:

Opened in 1992 and located in the City Hall & Arts Centre in Hamilton, the Bermuda National Gallery is both the home of Bermuda’s national art collection and the centre of the Island’s thriving arts scene. It is the Island’s leading art museum with a richly diverse exhibition programme of past and present works by local and international artists that reflects Bermuda’s varied artistic heritage and multicultural community. The Bermuda National Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Admission free. For more details contact Director Laura Gorham on 441-295-9428, director@bng.bm or visit www.bng.bm.