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Sandler Center Art Gallery Showcases “Virginia Landscapes” *Naturalistic Landscapes Greet Guests at the Sandler Center*

(VIRGINIA BEACH, VA) – The Sandler Center for the Performing Arts has a new and fresh look as the work of accomplished artist, Leonette Adler, will be installed in the Sandler Center’s rotating galleries lobbies on February 1, 2011. Adler is the second artist to be featured in the Sandler Center’s recently announced Gallery. The most recent art installation brings beautiful landscapes to the walls of The Cheryl & Wayne McLeskey Gallery on the Mezzanine level and The David L. Levine Terrace on the Balcony level of the Sandler Center.

On view from February 1, 2011 until March 31, 2011 is *Virginia Landscapes: Recent Paintings by Leonette Adler*. Leonette Adler received her early training at New York’s Art Students League and Parsons School of Design. Adler has had solo shows in Norfolk, Charlottesville, Richmond, and Washington D.C. and her paintings are numbered among various corporate and private collections throughout the country. Considered by many to be a master of color, form, and composition, she is known for what some call “impressionistic realism.” Adler’s work helps deliver Virginia’s naturalistic beauty through sprawling landscapes with vivid detail.

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Emily Spruill, Director of Cultural Affairs for the City of Virginia Beach, oversees the rotating Sandler Center Gallery. "I am pleased that we can continue the success of the Sandler Center Gallery by exhibiting such a well-respected and talented artist, as Leonette Adler," explained Spruill.

To see this naturalistic collection of landscapes and artistic expression, visit the Sandler Center Art Gallery during regular business hours (10am – 6pm M-F) or enjoy them while attending an upcoming show or event at the Sandler Center. Adler's paintings will be on exhibit through March 31, 2011.

ABOUT THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH'S OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: The role of the Office of Cultural Affairs is to develop the vision and direction of the cultural arts in Virginia Beach, assist and direct the Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission, coordinate the City's Public Art Program, provide contract management for the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, provide administrative leadership to the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts' 501(c)3 Foundation and serve as staff liaison to local arts and humanities organizations.

For a complete schedule of events, visit www.sandlercenter.org.

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