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HECKSCHER MUSEUM TO SHOWCASE SPECIAL PERMANENT COLLECTION EXHIBITION **Six Degrees of Separation** *Now through June 24, 2007*

Huntington, New York – What do an oil painting by Thomas Moran, *Hopi Village*, from the 1800s, a Keith Sonnier installation from the 1980s, and a photo realistic painting by Margery Caggiano from 1974 have in common? This is just one of the questions that the Heckscher Museum seeks to elicit through an exciting new exhibition titled *Six Degrees of Separation* – on view through June 24, 2007. Director of Education and Public Programs, Joy Weiner, and Associate Director of Education, Kristina Seekamp, take a turn as guest curators of this thought-provoking exhibition, which was culled from the Heckscher’s impressive Permanent Collection.

Looking at this exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, and sculptures of various subject matter that date from the 1500s to the present, brings one question to everyone’s mind: “What is the connection?” That is precisely what *Six Degrees of Separation* is all about. Carefully organized into small, sometimes rather unlikely groupings, this exhibition does not simply give museum-goers the answer. Instead, the artwork challenges the viewer to actively make new, insightful connections beyond the traditional categories of artist, subject, time period, or medium.

Editor’s Note About the Heckscher Museum of Art: The Heckscher Museum of Art is located in Huntington, New York on Long Island’s north shore. The Museum was founded by industrialist August Heckscher in 1920. The Museum’s collection, built around a core group of exceptional works donated by August Heckscher, is devoted to 19th and 20th century European and American art. In addition, the Museum owns and maintains the Dove/Torr cottage, the home of the famed American artists Arthur Dove and his wife Helen Torr. The Heckscher Museum of Art is one of a select number of museums in America to receive a grant from the prestigious Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and is AAM accredited. The Museum is located in Heckscher Park, Main Street (Route 25A) and Prime Avenue in Huntington Village. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, and \$1 for children ages 5 to 11 years. Children under age 5 are free. The Heckscher is accessible for the handicapped. Program registrants with special needs should give sufficient notice so accommodations can be made. For further information, please contact the Museum at 631.351.3250, e-mail to info@heckscher.org or visit online at www.heckscher.org

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