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**Steffen Thomas Museum of Art
(STMA)**

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A STMA gallery featured in Georgia Masterpieces: Selected Works from Georgia Museums. Photo by Peter Muzyka.

New Fine Arts Book Features Steffen Thomas and STMA

BUCKHEAD – **Georgia Masterpieces: Selected Works from Georgia Museums**, a recently published, limited edition study of the state’s celebrated visual artists, includes a chapter on Steffen Thomas and the museum that bears his name: the Steffen Thomas Museum of Art. Published by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA), the book, which highlights the works of 27 artists and 14 museums, is the culmination of a multi-year project among the council, the National Endowment for the Arts and many of the state’s well-known museums.

According to a GCA press release, the volume is a recognition of the state’s visual artists from Colonial times through the present. It includes an eclectic range of institutions, from fine art, folk and history museums to museums celebrating African-American artists, as

well as contemporary, local and world art. However, the book features only one museum dedicated to the work a single artist – The Steffen Thomas Museum of Art.

GCA Executive Director, Susan Weiner, describes Georgia as “home to some of the most celebrated visual artists who are recognized in national and international museums. By publishing this book, GCA is celebrating the artists’ skill, vision and passion, while providing due recognition for their priceless contributions to Georgia’s cultural heritage.”

Georgia Masterpieces, priced at \$34.95, is available at the museums described in the 101-page, richly detailed volume filled with vibrant full-color photographs. It is on proud display at the STMA gift shop.

The Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, located at 4200 Bethany Road in Buckhead, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 AM to 4 PM. For more information and directions, please call 706-342-7557 or visit www.steffenthomas.org.

