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"Sara Steele: Watercolors" Himmelfarb Gallery adds Artist Reception on Tuesday, October 25

LAUREL, MD (September 27, 2011) – Himmelfarb Gallery is pleased to announce an Artist Reception for Philadelphia-based artist Sara Steele on Tuesday, October 25, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the gallery at Tai Sophia Institute. Come meet the artist and see her original paintings. "Sara Steele: Watercolors" runs through November 30, 2011.

Sara Steele is one of America's most widely recognized and lauded watercolorists. Her paintings range from dramatic images of flowers and evocative still lifes to expansive abstractions and ethereal landscapes. Her palette is intense, and the dialogue she establishes with her subjects is bold and expressive. Her paintings speak with a voice that is emotionally charged and intellectually argumentative.

Artworks from the show will be on sale through the Meeting Point bookstore, which is adjacent to the gallery. Visit the Himmelfarb Gallery online.

What: "Sara Steele: Watercolors"

Original watercolor paintings by Philadelphia artist Sara Steele

When: ARTIST RECEPTION Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Show runs through November 30, 2011

Where: Himmelfarb Gallery, Tai Sophia Institute

7750 Montpelier Road, Laurel, MD 20723

Gallery hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.;

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

[Gallery will be closed Thanksgiving weekend – November 24-27, 2011]

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About the Artist

Sara Steele is a passionate artist and activist, an extraordinary watercolorist who works in her Philadelphia, PA, studio. Ms. Steele is self-taught but clearly well-studied in the works of twentieth-century artists. Her paintings have been shown in more than 50 solo and scores of group exhibitions in the U.S. and internationally. Her work has been widely published for over 30 years in books, exhibition catalogs, magazines, and chapbooks. Her books include *Blueprints for Paradise:* The Watercolor Paintings of Sara Steele, Discovering the Five Elements, and In Bloom: The Floral Watercolors of Sara Steele. The Sara Steele 2012 calendar has just been released. For more information, visit her website at www.sarasteele.net.

About Tai Sophia Institute

Tai Sophia Institute, a private, nonprofit educational institution based in Laurel, Maryland, is a leading center for health and wellness education. Founded in 1974, the Institute has evolved into a diverse resource providing graduate academic programs, continuing professional education, community wellness programs, and clinical services. The Institute's 12-acre main campus also houses a bookstore, a library, and herb and meditation gardens, all of which are open to the public.

About the Himmelfarb Gallery

The lobby of Tai Sophia's main campus building serves as the gallery space, which features four art exhibitions each year. Each exhibition focuses on some aspect of healing, wellness, or nature. Launched in April 2003, the Himmelfarb Gallery has been home to paintings, drawings, prints, photography, fabric, and artist-made paper. It is a place where art and healing intersect.

The Himmelfarb Gallery honors the Helen M. and Annetta E. Himmelfarb Foundation for its gift of \$1 million to the Institute, the largest donation in Tai Sophia's history. The dedication and naming of the space took place on November 17, 2006.

(Note to Journalists: Digital images are available by request.)

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