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For Immediate Release:

Clough-Hanson Gallery at Rhodes College is very excited to announce its second show of the spring season: **Erin Harmon: *Pettest of Pets***.

The show will run from March 3rd through March 25th, 2006. Please note: the gallery will be closed March 11th through March 20th for spring break.

There will be an artist's lecture in Blount Auditorium in Buckman Hall at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 2nd.

The reception for the show will be held in the gallery from 6 - 8 p.m., Friday March 3rd.

Harmon makes paintings that turn into a spectacle of self measurement. Currently, she uses her own likeness with images of animals as interchangeable characters which play out a multiplicity of selves: hunter & trophy, hero & villain, predator & prey, male & female. Lavish decorative motifs are suspended in dozens of layers of paint and create psychological spaces which describe conditions of body and mind. Sweet & sickly color describes the nuisances of vanity and anatomy while obsessive surfaces and ornament convey superficiality and the need to lose a sense of the real world here-and-now – to transport into the theater of the mind were she has control over how she is cast.

Erin Harmon received her undergraduate degree from San Diego State University and received her MFA from Rhode Island School of Art and Design. She has been featured solo exhibitions at Second Floor Contemporary at Sarah Doyle Gallery at Brown University as well as group exhibitions *Politically Erect* at Delta Axis @ Marshall Arts, *Women in Charge* at Sol Koffler Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design. Harmon is currently included in *Cognitive Surfaces* at Anne Wright Wilson Fine Art Gallery, Georgetown College in Kentucky and next month will be included in a three person show at Lawrence Asher Gallery in Los Angeles. Next year she will have a one person show in the West Gallery at the Parthenon Museum in Nashville. Harmon currently is Assistant Professor of Art at Rhodes College.

Gallery hours for Clough-Hanson are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11:00 - 5:00 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and Mondays. Admission to the gallery and lectures are always free to the public.

If you should have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Hamlett

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Jpg information:

"harmon_if.jpg" is Erin Harmon's *If a Hart Do Lack a Hind*, oil on wood, 15.5 x15.5" 2005-6

"harmon_hare.jpg" is Erin Harmon's *Hare-Do-Well*, oil on wood, 15.5 x15.5" 2005-6