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The Art Commission Raises \$510,000 in New Funding

MADISON, WI, Jan. 10, 2013 – The Art Commission, LLC, an online platform that connects artists with design professionals seeking commissioned art on behalf of their clients, today announced that it has secured \$510,000 in funding from individual angel investors in Wisconsin and the Chicago area. The news follows strong sign-up numbers by artists on the site in the last two quarters of 2012. This funding will allow the company to expand technology development and marketing efforts to artists and design professionals.

The Art Commission launched its website in November 2012 with more than 500 leading artists working in architectural glass, architectural metal, murals, mosaics, sculpture, atrium sculpture, work for the wall, and more. The company, whose mission is to help artists get commissions and make the world a more beautiful place, offers a Directory of Commission Artists and an extensive database of more than 4,500 images of artwork that can be searched using 150 filters. Interactions between the design trade and artists are facilitated through the site; users contact artists directly by email, phone, or Skype.

“The Art Commission represents a new generation of companies connecting artists with their best markets,” said co-founder and co-CEO Terry Maxwell. “We serve as a global marketing partner for artists, and our site allows design industry professionals to quickly identify and contact leading artists for their projects. Successful completion of this round means that we will be able to fund some very important growth initiatives that the company will be undertaking this year, including the addition of new resources to help artists in securing commissions.”

The company was started in early 2012 by Toni Sikes and Terry Maxwell. Sikes was the founder of two art companies, The Guild Sourcebooks and Artful Home, a pioneer ecommerce company; Maxwell is a businessperson and private investor. Both Sikes and Maxwell have extensive experience in the entrepreneurial world: one or both have worked in angel investing, venture capital, investment banking, and start-ups. Sikes and Maxwell have pulled together additional team members with deep expertise in the commission art world and long-standing relationships with thousands of artists.

About The Art Commission

The Art Commission is the most comprehensive international source of artists who create commission work for corporate, public, healthcare, hospitality, liturgical, and residential spaces. Designed for use by architects, designers, art consultants, and other trade professionals, The Art Commission plans to offer a variety of resources and tools for artists and the design trades. www.artcommission.com.

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