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COASTAL ART ADDS COLOR TO THE *SOUTHERN BREEZE* WINE + CULINARY FESTIVAL

Lorrie Drennan has been selected as the *Southern Breeze Wine + Culinary Festival* featured artist for 2008.



Official 2008 artwork for the *Southern Breeze Wine + Culinary Festival*

Gulf Shores, Ala. Feb. 26, 2008— The *Southern Breeze Wine + Culinary Festival* is honored to announce that **Lorrie Drennan** has been chosen as the **featured artist** for the 2008 season. Each year, a panel of judges appoints one artist from the Gulf Coast region to design a painting that captures the essence of the Festival that is used throughout the year for promotion of the events.

Lorrie was chosen from a pool of talented artists from Louisiana through Florida who submitted their work to be considered as this year’s featured artist. Her work will appear on memorabilia, each destination’s event guide, and other décor used throughout the *Southern Breeze Wine + Culinary Festival*.

“We are honored to feature Lorrie’s work this year. Her creativity cultivates the spirit and beauty that we try to capture with our festival,” Georgia Palamoytis, Event Coordinator, said.

Currently a resident of Brandon, Mississippi, Lorrie grew up throughout the United States, where each home had a different impact on her love of art. It wasn’t until the early 1990s, with the support of her husband, that Lorrie decided to pursue a full-time career in the art industry. She began a faux finishing and mural business, and began taking art classes to further develop the talent she began fostering as a child.

Lorrie says her work reflects her life and is filled with light, happiness, and movement. She loves to travel, and

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spicy bits from destinations such as New Orleans, Hawaii, and Italy always find their way into her work, as does the beauty of the natural, everyday world.

Lorrie will be on site in Biloxi at the **Grand Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 8** from 1-5 p.m. She will be available to sign memorabilia featuring her work and her paintings will be offered for purchase.

Lorrie continues to develop and enjoy the gift of art, and is represented in shows throughout Mississippi and Alabama. For more information on Lorrie and her work, visit www.drennart.blogspot.com.

The **Southern Breeze Wine + Culinary Festival** is a three day event that blends premium wines, food, and Gulf Coast culture into an entertaining, educational, and exciting weekend-long event. This year marks the fifth season of the Festival with stops in **Biloxi, Mississippi; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Orange Beach, Alabama; and Beaches of South Walton, Florida**. For more information, visit www.southernbreeze.com/winefest or contact Karen Kirkland Ochoa at 800-239-9880 or kareno@compassbiz.com.

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