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ArtCentre of Plano Presents

JOURNEY: THE ART, MUSIC AND WORDS OF GRANT HALLIBURTON

PLANO — It is not uncommon for a gallery to exhibit the paintings of a talented young artist. Nor is it unusual to introduce the poetry and prose of a young writer, or debut the original compositions of a young musician. But to premiere all three—art, music and writing—in the collected works of one gifted young artist is extraordinary.

This is the focus of an upcoming exhibition at ArtCentre of Plano from May 16 to June 1, 2006. The exhibit, entitled ***Journey***, will feature the art, music and words of Grant Halliburton, a Dallas native who graduated from Plano West Senior High School in May 2005 and died six months later at the age of 19. In his short lifetime he produced a large volume of creative works, including hundreds of drawings, paintings and sketches; poetry and prose; and original musical compositions.

The public is invited to the opening reception of ***Journey: The Art, Music and Words of Grant Halliburton*** on Tuesday, May 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at ArtCentre, located on the northwest corner of 15th Street and Avenue K in downtown Plano. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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Halliburton began drawing and making music at an early age. His creative gifts flourished naturally and, by the time he was in high school, he was composing and recording music, performing in a band, and making his mark as an AP art student, Art Club president, AP Scholar and member of the National Art Honor Society. He was offered scholarships to a number of art colleges and attended the University of Texas at Austin before his struggle with depression and bipolar disorder led to his death on November 2.

As one friend reflected, "He expressed himself with such ease, whether through his writing, his music, his art or his love for people, that I often forgot how brilliant he was. His skill just flowed so naturally out of who he was. Talent, for Grant, was like breathing."

Halliburton was known not only for his creativity, but also for his warmth, his easy smile and his love of people. He was widely known and liked by peers; in high school his classmates elected him Valentine's Dance King and voted him *Most Likely to Become a Recording Artist*. He was featured in the senior yearbook as *Coolest Kid on Campus*. "Grant had friends of all different groups and managed to have a lasting effect on people whether he'd known them for minutes or years," another friend noted. "He made friends wherever he went."

About The ArtCentre of Plano

The ArtCentre of Plano, Inc., formerly known as the Cultural Arts Council of Plano, Inc., was founded in 1981 as a private non-profit organization to promote growth and development of emerging community arts groups. The mission of The ArtCentre of Plano, Inc., is to encourage, support, and promote excellence, diversity, and vitality in the arts and arts education in the Greater Plano area.

About Grant Halliburton Foundation

In 2005 the Grant Halliburton Foundation was established as a memorial to Grant's tremendous talent, his love of art and music, and his generous spirit. The foundation exists to benefit young people in the arts and also to promote mental health awareness and education.

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