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Dixon Gallery and Gardens Opens *Voices of a New South* Exhibition of Local Artists

(Memphis, TN—September 14th) Dixon Gallery and Gardens is proud to present *Voices of a New South*, a group exhibition of local artists whose art examines life in the modern South. On view in the Dixon's Mallory and Wurtzburger Galleries from September 13—November 29, 2009, artists NJ Woods, Anthony Lee, Kiersten Williams, and Twin use their collective folk and pop art influences to look toward the future while embracing the past with emotional intensity and honesty.

Each *Voices of a New South* artist uses cultural themes from Memphis and the South to tell a personal story. Anthony Lee's mixed media works function as emotional vignettes, while identical twin brothers Jerry and Terry Lynn simultaneously create their paintings and bring a deep familial connection to the canvas. Kiersten Williams' paintings explore relationships with people and circumstance through complex yet arresting images. Entirely self-taught, NJ Woods' richly colored paintings arise from memories of her upbringing in the Deep South and speak to the inner child in everyone.

The *Voices of a New South* opening will be held Thursday, September 17, 2009, at the Dixon's Art After Dark program from 6-9 pm. Attendees will have a chance to meet and greet the artists, listen to live music by Memphis jazz singer Valencia Robinson, and enjoy a cash bar, all for regular Dixon admission.

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Set amid seventeen acres of formal and woodland gardens, the Dixon Gallery and Gardens endeavors to ensure a rich cultural experience for visitors by featuring world-class Impressionist and post-Impressionist paintings, an expansive collection of German and English porcelain, horticultural programs and events and changing exhibitions. Located at 4339 Park Avenue, the Dixon is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.