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LIBERTY ARTS RAFFLES BRONZE SCULPTURE VALUED AT \$2000 WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE 33RD ANNUAL CENTERFEST ARTS FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Durham, NC - Liberty Arts, Inc. is raffling a one-of-a-kind, bronze sculpture by Michael Waller, co-creator of *MAJOR*, the Durham Bull, valued at \$2,000. The sculpture is inspired by the North Carolina coastal region. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and there is no limit to how many may be purchased. Raffle tickets are currently on sale at Liberty Arts and may be purchased during the September 15th Culture Crawl and CenterFest weekend, September 16 & 17, at the George Watts Hill Pavilion for the Arts, home to Liberty Arts Casting Facility located at the north end of Durham Central Park. The winner will be announced on Sunday, September 17th at CenterFest.

A model of prize bronze sculpture may be seen at www.libertyartscasting.org. When completed, the sculpture will be on display at Liberty Arts before and during CenterFest weekend. "The inspiration for this piece is drawn from my visual experience while being on the coast of North Carolina. Having grown up in eastern part of North Carolina my work carries a reoccurring theme of the people, the landscape and the spatial and color relationships between land and sky that I have always found comforting", states Mr. Waller. Other sculptures by Michael Waller may be found at www.wallerfoushee.com. To enter the raffle before Culture Crawl and CenterFest weekend call 919-682-2673 or email libertyarts@verizon.net. Proceeds from the raffle go to support Liberty Arts and its programs.

Durham Arts Council presents its 33rd annual CenterFest Arts Festival, the **longest running street arts festival in North Carolina and the largest arts and community festival in Durham!** The public is invited to come out and enjoy the fun on **Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and Sunday, September 17, 2006 from 12 noon – 6:00 pm**. The festival boasts over 100 juried visual artists, continuous live music and other spectacular performances, your favorite festival foods, and a "Family Funway" featuring the lively Creative Zone devoted to kids and the young at heart. The festival also offers the opportunity to get to know your local non-profit and civic organizations and all they have to offer to the Durham community. This year's site, the **Durham Central Park District on Foster Street**, is just 2 blocks north of the original "Five Points" location. The new site is surrounded by art galleries and studios, the Farmers' Market, and new restaurants, making it the perfect setting for CenterFest and its estimated 30,000 guests and art lovers. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$3 at the gate and \$10 for families of 4 or more. Proceeds support production of the festival and the DAC Annual Arts Fund that supports the arts in Durham. For more information, visit www.centerfest.durhamarts.org.

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Liberty Arts is a nonprofit sculpture studio and bronze casting facility located in downtown Durham's Central Park District serving North Carolina and the Southeast region. Liberty Arts' goal is to encourage and support the creation, promotion and placement of sculpture in public and private spaces.

Liberty Arts – For the Triangle. For Art. For Everyone.