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*Charleston, SC landscape artist is first in annual program*

## **The Reserve at Lake Keowee welcomes Artist-in-Residence Mark Horton**

SUNSET, SC, December 17, 2008 – The Reserve at Lake Keowee launched its new Artist-in-Residence program this month by hosting South Carolina landscape artist Mark Horton from December 7-14. The program, funded by The Reserve at Lake Keowee Community Foundation, brings a visual or performing artist to the private community each year for a week of relaxation and to share their talents with both residents and the local community.

“Our vision was to share the natural beauty of our community with artists so they could both find a peaceful escape and be inspired in their work,” said Kathryn Coleman, the Foundation’s Executive Director. “We were thrilled to have Mark Horton as our very first Artist-in-Residence and look forward to hosting many more artists in the years to come.”

Horton, who is originally from North Carolina, now makes his home in Charleston, South Carolina after spending 18 years in New York. He is co-owner of Horton Hayes Gallery in Charleston, where he exhibits his work. During his Artist-in-Residency, Horton lived at The Reserve, painted on site, interacted with residents and attended a reception in his honor. The artist also visited Daniel High School in nearby Clemson where he spoke to art students, gave them a lesson and critiqued their work.

“It was an unbelievable week,” said Horton. “I was just blown away by how beautiful the community is. The whole area is so unspoiled and authentic. One of the great things for me was the light. You have the mountain vistas, but because you are in the foothills, you get gorgeous

light that isn't blocked by the mountains. And the mornings down by the lake are beautiful. I love painting atmosphere and it's very dramatic here."

The Reserve also hosted a reception for Horton on Friday in their Real Estate Office located in the community's lakeside Village. At the reception, the artist told those gathered that he would be presenting a painting to The Reserve sometime in the spring. Horton did the studies for the painting during his residency and will complete the final piece in his studio over the winter.

Created by Greenwood Communities and Resorts, The Reserve at Lake Keowee is a 3,900-acre, private lakefront resort community near Greenville, SC and Clemson University. Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains with over 30 miles of shoreline, The Reserve is the ideal place for family boating, swimming, hiking, golfing, fishing, water skiing and all things outdoors. A Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course highlights more than \$100 million of amenities already in place, including a 200-slip

marina, a 20,000-square-foot clubhouse, village center, trails, pool complex, tennis courts, a fitness center and guest suites. Homesites begin at \$200,000 including membership and range to over \$1.5 million. For more information, call 1.877.922.LAKE (5253) or visit [www.ReserveAtLakeKeowee.com](http://www.ReserveAtLakeKeowee.com).

### **About the The Reserve at Lake Keowee Community Foundation**

The Reserve at Lake Keowee Community Foundation is a non-profit organization, created to enhance the quality of life and sense of community for property owners of The Reserve at Lake Keowee. The Foundation is funded by a sales transfer fee of all sales at The Reserve at Lake Keowee and is contributed to the Foundation in perpetuity. The Foundation has four major functions serving both the property owners and general public:

1. **Environment:** to promote environmental stewardship and provide a greater understanding and appreciation of the area's natural resources.
2. **Education:** to provide educational and enrichment programs for Reserve property owners and the surrounding community.
3. **Arts:** to promote cultural initiatives for property owners and the surrounding community, with both visual and performing arts.
4. **Outreach:** to assist charitable organizations and facilitate property owner volunteerism in Pickens County and surrounding communities.

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Caption: Artist-in Residence Mark Horton painting onsite at The Reserve at Lake Keowee