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Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce and World Renowned Artist Nelson Shanks Kick Off Unprecedented Arts Event

The Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce recently kicked off a very special arts collaboration with world renowned **Artist Nelson Shanks, of Andalusia, Bucks County**. At a special press event hosted by Christine Figueroa, owner of the **Barley Sheaf Farm Estate and Spa**, the Chamber announced that 12 students from **Studio Incamminati**, the school which Shanks founded, would spend the summer painting “open air” scenes throughout Bucks County. The summer long project kicked off with the artists staying in residence at Barley Sheaf and painting with scenes on the grounds of the beautiful Holicong Estate. During their week long stay, the artists were also hosted by a different restaurant each night for dinner courtesy of **Baci, Marsha Brown, the Freight House, the Logan Inn and Earl's Prime**.

The program will culminate in a very special event entitled “**Nelson Shanks – A Private Exhibition**” that will be held at the Doylestown Country Club on Thursday, November 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets for the exhibition are \$100 per person and include a special cocktail reception and a live and silent auction where the original works of art, along with select works from Shanks will be auctioned off. Proceeds from the exhibit will benefit Studio Incamminati and the Chamber’s Bucks Fever Program – a Celebration of Arts and Culture. The exhibit will be sponsored by **Citibank, Bugajewski Facility Services, Eastcom, Audrey Long Interior Design, Donnelly-MSA Marketing Services Associates, and Deep Run Partners**

“The Chamber is thrilled to partner with one of the world's reigning artists to present this very special program. For over three decades, through its Bucks Fever Program, the Chamber has been a preeminent promoter of arts and culture in Bucks County. This partnership is unprecedented and we are thrilled to take the lead once again in promoting fine arts in our region” said John C. Soffronoff, President of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce.

Nelson Shanks, world-renowned painter, art historian, art teacher, connoisseur and collector, has a long established reputation as one of the foremost advocates and practitioners of classicist and realist paintings. Strongly influenced by works from the Italian Renaissance and the Baroque period, Shanks paints primarily in oil on canvas or panel. In the late 1990s, Shanks launched a successful series of workshops in response to the growing need for serious art instruction. The high demand for these workshops led to the founding of Studio Incamminati, translated from Italian as "those who are progressing". The Studio’s mission is to provide a place where like-minded artists devoted to realism could study painting and acquire the vital skills necessary for successful artistic careers.

“We appreciate the unique opportunity to immerse our artists in the beauty of Bucks County through this unique program. We expect that this will be an enlightening experience for all involved and are looking forward to having our students paint open aire in a County which has such a rich artistic and cultural history” said Jay Pennie, Executive Director of Studio Incamminati.

For more information on the event or the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce, call 215-348-3913 or visit centralbuckschamber.com. To learn more about Barley Sheaf Farm Estate and Spa, call 215-794-5104 or barleysheaf.com For Studio Incamminati, call (215) 592-7910 or studioincamminati.org

Photo Captions: (Credit: Mark Margraff, M Studios)

- Artist Nelson Shanks and Christine Figueroa, owner, Barley Sheaf Farm Estate and Spa
- Pam Northrop (The Freighthouse Restaurant), Studio Incamminati Instructor Simon Parkes and Artists Michael Zucker, Dennis Childs, Bruce Winsor, Meg Brinster Michael, Roberta Goskchke, Alisyn Kuntz, Katya Heldm Anne Hallm Rob Goodman, Carole O'Malley Charles Simon and Charlotte Partridge
- Studio Incamminati Artist Meg Brinster Michael
- Studio Incamminati Artist Katya Held
- Studio Incamminati Instructor Simon Parkes discusses Artist Anne Hall's "plein aire" painting while in residence at Barley Sheaf Farm Estate and Spa

The mission of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce is to build alliances among its members by uniting business, industry, professionals, artists and non-profit organizations. The Chamber serves as a catalyst that creates a rich business climate and improves the quality of life in the community. The Chamber is devoted to furthering the arts, humanities and welfare of the Central Bucks region. For more information on Bucks Fever or the Central Bucks Chamber, visit www.centralbuckschamber.com or call (215) 348-3913.

The Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce's Bucks Fever – a Celebration of Arts & Culture program, was founded over three decades ago to augment the economic vitality of Bucks County by showcasing the region's art, culture and history as a tourist destination. Bucks Fever is composed of eight major events including the Bucks Fever Spectacular (March); Byers Bucks Fever Art Exhibition (April), Artists Studio Tour (May); Brown Bag-It with the Arts (weekly musical series May-August); Excellence in Design Architectural Tour (September); the Bucks County Sculpture Show founded by Dr. Selma Burke (September) and FilmFest (October). In addition to these Chamber events, the Chamber produces and distributes 50,000 copies of the popular Bucks Fever brochure that promotes hundreds of Bucks County nonprofit art, culture and history events from March – October. The Major Benefactor for the 2008 Bucks Fever series is Univest National Bank & Trust Co.

NELSON SHANKS: A PRIVATE EXHIBITION

Thursday, November 20, 2008, 5 to 8 p.m.

Doylestown Country Club, Doylestown

\$100 per person

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