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**NEW HAMPSHIRE INSTITUTE of ART STUDENT SELECTED FOR
NATIONAL ILLUSTRATION COMPETITION**

MANCHESTER, NH – The artwork of Kyle Mosher, a Bachelor of Fine Art student at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, was selected among 5,683 entries to participate in The Society of Illustrators 2008 Scholarship Competition. A total of 96 entries were selected and 89 Art programs across the country are represented in this highly regarded competition for college students.

Located in New York City, the Society of Illustrators is headquarters to some of the nation's leading artists involved in the field of illustration. "All the top illustrators working today got their start being selected for the [Society of Illustrators] Student show" said Lynn Pauley, Illustration Chairperson at the New Hampshire Institute of Art. She also stated that "Kyle is well on his way" to becoming one of those top illustrators.

Mosher's piece "New Hampshire Audubon 1" was created in conjunction with an assignment for Pauley's Illustration I class. Students worked from on-site observation at the Massabesic Audubon Center in Auburn, NH and then created posters, advertising the organization. "It does not surprise me that out of almost 6,000 entries that his NH Audubon poster was one of 96 pieces chosen", Pauley said.

Mosher, a native of Nashua, NH, was once a competitive athlete. He switched his gears to a career in art after he was sustained by an injury, no longer allowing him to compete on a college level. "Kyle is always trying to better himself", said Pauley, Mosher's instructor and mentor. Mosher commented on his acceptance into the New Hampshire Institute of Art as being "...one of the best things to ever happen to me".

The works selected for the Society of Illustrators show will be on display at the Society of Illustration in New York beginning May 2, 2008. All works are visible on their website, www.societyofillustrators.org. An exhibit displaying all student's Audubon posters is scheduled for May at the Massabesic Audubon Center in Auburn, with an opening reception on May 3, 2008.

The New Hampshire Institute of Art offers a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree along with non-credit continuing education and certificate programs. The New Hampshire Institute of Art is the only independent college of art in New Hampshire and Vermont and is nationally accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. All Institute buildings are wheelchair accessible and are open to the public. For more information on this event or other Institute programs, please contact jlafleur@nhia.edu or call 603-836-2546.

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