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CSA, COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FORM UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP FOR STATEWIDE COURTHOUSE ART PROJECT

CSA (The Community School of the Arts) and the Grant County Bar Association recently partnered to encourage local artists to create original artwork depicting the historic Grant County Courthouse for the Indiana State Bar Association's Courthouse Art Project. The Courthouse Art Project seeks to obtain original artwork of each courthouse in Indiana's 92 counties for permanent display in the offices of the Indiana State Bar Association. The ISBA is a statewide organization of over 12,000 attorneys which provides services to the legal profession and public, including many community outreach projects. CSA is a not-for-profit organization which provides an interdisciplinary program of arts education, participation and performance in Grant County.

At a ceremony on May 19, 2008 in conjunction with the CSA Art Auction, a painting by Gas City artist David Rush was selected to represent Grant County in the Courthouse Art Project. Rush has been a professional advertising illustrator and artist for over 30 years. Over the course of his advertising career, his work has been published in numerous local, regional and national publications which included Golf Magazine, Sports Illustrated, Thomas Register, Industrial Weekly, Indianapolis Magazine and 27 Indiana newspapers. In addition to his work in advertising, Rush also serves as an art instructor at CSA.

Following the painting's selection, Doug Church, President of the ISBA, and Julie Kozicki, Courthouse Art Committee member, traveled to Marion for the official

presentation of the artwork on May 30. President Church's comments included a discussion of the history and significance of the county courthouse as a historical fixture



in Indiana's communities.

The Courthouse Art Project is an effort to preserve images of those courthouses for posterity.

Grant County's approach to the statewide Project by creating a

partnership between the local Bar Association and the local arts community is a first in the state. Grant County's example is being followed by other counties.

After the official presentation, the painting was taken to the offices of the Indiana State Bar Association in Indianapolis where it is currently on permanent display with paintings of other Indiana courthouses. An image of the painting is available on the Grant Circuit Court website.