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**HYDE PARK VILLAGE HOSTS *ART IS GOOD* CULTURAL ENCOUNTER,
TBBCA ANNOUNCES IMPACT AWARDS PATRON OF CULTURE & THE ARTS HONOREE,
RICHARD GONZMART**

(TAMPA, FL; JUNE 9, 2015) – Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture and the Arts (TBBCA) and pARTner Hyde Park Village are hosting *Art is Good* Cultural Encounter on Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Piquant Epicure & Cuisine in the Village. The event will introduce local Tampa restaurateur and philanthropist, Richard Gonzmart as the 2015 TBBCA Impact Awards, Patron of Culture & the Arts Honoree.

“Hyde Park Village understands the importance of a thriving cultural epicenter and through art, we are able to connect with the Tampa Bay community, humanities focused organizations like TBBCA and patrons of the arts, like Richard Gonzmart who hold the history of Tampa in such high regard,” says Susan Martin, General Manager of Hyde Park Village.

Art is Good Cultural Encounter will showcase Hyde Park Village and Art Production Fund’s Public Art Initiative by installing banners from artist, Deborah Kass. Local artists will be at the event presenting their original artwork inspired by the work of Deborah Kass.

Deborah Kass employs the visual motifs of post-war painting to explore the intersection of politics, popular culture, art history and personal identity. Her work is in the collections of The Museum of Modern Art, New York; Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; The Solomon Guggenheim Museum, New York; Museum of Fine Art, Boston; The National Portrait Gallery, Washington D.C. and numerous public and private collections.

The emcee for the event is local WTVT-TV FOX Good Day Tampa Bay morning anchor, Russell Rhodes. The event is free and open to the public.

About Hyde Park Village:

Hyde Park Village is comprised of six city blocks in the heart of the Hyde Park Historic District—one of Tampa Bay’s most desirable residential areas. Since its first buildings were constructed in 1905, this landmark retail destination has been a cherished regional hub. Home to a unique mixture of local, regional and national retailers including Anthropologie, Aveda Level Salonspa, Brooks Brothers, Blue Moon Trading Company, Carlton Ward Photography, CinéBistro, Don Me Now - Styling & Clothing Lounge, Dixieland Monogram, Downtown Dogs, Irish 31 Pub House & Eatery, Juxtapose Apparel & Studio, lululemon athletica, Piquant Epicure & Cuisine, Pottery Barn, Pottery Barn Kids, Salt Pines, Timpano Italian Chophouse, west elm, The White Magnolia Bridal Collection, J. McLaughlin, Wine Exchange Bistro & Wine Bar. Retailers recently joined or coming soon to The Village include Sur La Table, Paper Source, bar taco, On Swann and Buddy Brew Coffee. The Village offers a variety of high-end shopping, dining, and entertainment essentials to the Tampa Bay community. With a beautiful fountain, brick walkways, and majestic oak trees, it also provides an exceptional venue for the monthly Fresh Market held the first Sunday of the month.

About WS Development:

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About TBBCA:

TBBCA is a non-profit organization founded in 1989. It remains today one of 12 affiliate organizations in the U.S. of Americans for the Arts. TBBCA's mission is to unite area businesses to champion arts and culture for a prosperous community because "the arts are good for business and business is good for the arts". Through innovative pARTnerships and sustainable programs like Chalk Walk and The Charlie Houchell Art Stars Scholarships, TBBCA provides valuable funding support for artists and art education, and builds awareness of arts and culture as important economic drivers in our community and essential contributors to our quality of life.

Art Production Fund (APF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to commissioning and producing ambitious public art projects, reaching new audiences and expanding awareness through contemporary art. Recent projects include: After Hours: Murals on The Bowery, NYC, 2011; David Brooks, Desert Rooftops, NYC, 2011; Josephine Meckseper, Manhattan Oil Project, NYC, 2012; Kiki Smith, Chorus, NYC, 2012; Yoko Ono, Imagine Peace Times Square, NYC, 2012; Yvette Mattern, Global Rainbow After The Storm, NYC, 2012; Ryan McGinley, Taxi TV, NYC, 2013; Tony Smith, One-Two-Three, NYC, 2013; Tracey Emin, Roman Standard, NYC 2013; Pop Up 1: Montauk, NY, 2013; ThreeASFOUR, MER KA BA, NYC, 2013; Marco Brambilla, Anthropocene, NYC, 2013; Vanessa Beecroft, VB73, NYC, 2014; Deborah Kass, The Street, MA, 2014; Jessica Craig-Martin, Hyde Park Village, FL, 2014; FriendsWithYou, Light Cave, NYC, 2014. www.artproductionfund.org

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