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**LAS VEGAS RESIDENT ARTIST RICHARD MACDONALD PREMIERES
THE FLAIR ACROSS AMERICA 20TH ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION
BY RICHARD MACDONALD**

Celebrations include an Afternoon with the Artist and Olympic Gymnast

Las Vegas, CA (August 9, 2016) - The Art of Richard MacDonald proudly premieres the "Flair Across America 20th Anniversary Commemorative Exhibition" by Richard MacDonald with a special gallery event on the Las Vegas Strip. The artist reception will take place on **Saturday, August 13th, 1:00 to 5:00 pm at The Art of Richard MacDonald at the O Theatre in the Bellagio**, 3600 S. Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV. This special event includes a personal appearance by the internationally renowned sculptor Richard MacDonald, and performances by Olympic rhythmic gymnast Tamara Yerofeyeva and gymnastic youth of Brown's Gymnastics, Nevada Rhythmic Academy, Gymcats and Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics. The accompanying exhibition, featuring commemorative sculpture and vintage memorabilia from the 1996 Olympics, will run through September 2, 2016.

"The Gymnast and the monumental Flair Across America are a celebration of the triumph of the human spirit," says Richard MacDonald.

Former Olympic gymnast and three-time world champion Kurt Thomas, whom the "flair" gymnastics move is named after, said, *"Flair Across America"* is a meaningful tribute to all athletes who push their own limits and spend their lives striving to be the best they can be."

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FLAIR ACROSS AMERICA, the 26-ft monumental sculpture of The Gymnast, by Richard MacDonald, Sculptor (America, b. 1946), created for the Atlanta 1996 Olympics, celebrating the triumph of the human spirit.

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ABOUT THE ART OF RICHARD MACDONALD GALLERIES

“The art of Richard MacDonald reveals the infinite beauty of the human body. The characters he creates are playing forever in the theatre of life.” ~ Guy Laliberté The galleries are born out of a relationship between Guy Laliberté, Founder of Cirque du Soleil, and Richard MacDonald, a master of figurative sculpture. For more information, please visit online theartofrichardmacdonald.com.

ABOUT THE FLAIR *The Flair*, a feat in artistry and engineering, was more than a year in the making. Richard MacDonald donated the monument to the state of Georgia, city of Atlanta and Georgia World Congress Center. The monument stands in Georgia International Plaza, where it was permanently installed as the gateway to the gymnastics pavilion in July 1996. Learn more at FlairAcrossAmerica.Com

ABOUT RICHARD MACDONALD One of the most collected figurative bronze sculptors at work today, Richard MacDonald has a consuming passion for his work and an unrelenting dedication to its quality and integrity. MacDonald has achieved international distinction for his sculpture, paintings, and drawings. His work has been shown and exhibited worldwide including London, Singapore, Barcelona, Paris, Hong Kong, and the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. Learn more at RichardMacDonald.Com