

## MEDIA CONTACT

Allison Hata / HKA, Inc. PR

714-426-0444

[allison@hkamarcom.com](mailto:allison@hkamarcom.com)

# CHEMERS GALLERY

## CHEMERS GALLERY TO CELEBRATE RENOWNED CHILDREN'S BOOK ARTISTS AT 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ILLUSTRATION SHOW

*'Harry Potter' and 'Fancy Nancy' illustrators among featured artists*

TUSTIN, Calif., Oct. 24, 2011 — Five prominent illustrators, including Mary GrandPre (*Harry Potter*) and Robin Preiss Glasser (*Fancy Nancy*), will be on-hand for book signings and demonstrations as Chemers Gallery kicks off its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Book Illustration Show at the Enderle Center in Tustin on Saturday, Dec. 3. As the only gallery in the western United States that specializes in children's book illustrations, Chemers Gallery will display more than 300 rare original illustrations available for purchase during the show, which runs from Dec. 3-17.

"We are thrilled to bring back our five most popular children's book illustrators for an afternoon of fun festivities and art appreciation," said Karen Raab, owner of Chemers Gallery. "Our show and book signing provides a unique opportunity for fans, both young and old, to interact with their favorite illustrators who have helped bring beloved stories to life."

Throughout the day, the illustrators will provide lectures and art demonstrations for attendees, as well as sign copies of their books purchased at Chemers Gallery. A portion of proceeds from art sales will benefit Chapman University's CES K-12 Literacy Programs, which provide world-class tutoring to grade-school students, custom libraries of books, afterschool programs in the community and pathways to bring first-generation students to the university.

This year's illustrators include:

- **Mary GrandPre** – In addition to the *Harry Potter* series, GrandPre has illustrated seven children's books featuring lyrical story interpretations in a style she calls "soft geometry."
- **Robin Preiss Glasser** - The number one *New York Times* bestselling illustrator of the *Fancy Nancy* series, Glasser is an Orange County local known for detailed illustrations layered with action, humor and surprise.
- **Lou Fancher and Steve Johnson** – Husband and wife team Johnson and Fancher have illustrated and designed more than 35 children's books, including *Jim Henson: The Guy Who Played with Puppets* and *Casey Back at Bat*.
- **Elisa Kleven** – Kleven, author and illustrator of *The Paper Princess* series and *The Friendship Wish*, creates mixed media collages that bring life to her stories and characters.
- **Raul Colon** – A prolific children's book illustrator, Colon has been recognized with numerous awards from The Society of Professional Illustrators. Joining him at the show's kick-off event will be local author Rueben Martinez, who collaborated with Colon on *Once Upon A Time: Traditional Latin American Tales*.

Artwork by all five illustrators is available for advance preview and purchase prior to the Dec. 3 event. Chemers Gallery also encourages advance purchase of books by Nov. 26 due to limited availability.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Book Illustration Show featuring art demonstrations, face-painting, balloon art and more will take place on Dec. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Chemers Gallery, Enderle Center, 17300 17<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. G in Tustin, Calif. For more information on the event, please call 714-731-5432 or visit <http://chemersgallery.blogspot.com/2011/06/illustration-show.html>

### **About Chemers Gallery**

Chemers Gallery has provided fine art and quality custom framing in Orange County since 1978, featuring several shows and exhibits by local and international artists. Championing the importance of art in the community, Chemers Gallery also provides many services that include appraisals, restoring works of art and locating new or out-of-print pieces. For more information about Chemers Gallery, call 714-731-5432 or visit [www.chemersgallery.com](http://www.chemersgallery.com).

###