



Inaugural Thomas Center Biennial art exhibit opens Sunday

Thomas Center show features works by 33 Florida artists

The 1986 Thomas Center Biennial Exhibition of Drawings and Paintings opens with a reception Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m., and runs through March 25 in the Thomas Center.

Artists from throughout Florida competed in the inaugural show, which was juried by P. Andrew Maass, director of the Tampa Museum and former director of the Fresno, California Art Center and the Tucson Museum of Art. Works by 33 artists are included in the show.

Brian Curtis, a faculty member at the University of Miami, won the \$500 first prize for his painting titled "Timekeeper II." A \$300 second prize went to Jimmy Franco of Archer for "Nannie: Portrait and Still Life." Michael Sastre, also of Miami, was awarded the \$200 third prize for his pastel, "Flight of Saturn." Cash awards totaling \$1000 were provided by the CH2M Hill Corporation.

Following its stay at the Thomas Center Gallery, the exhibit will be on display in the Capitol Gallery at the State Capitol in Tallahassee during the 1986 legislative session.

Sponsored by the Florida Arts Celebration, the CH2M Hill Corporation, and the Gainesville Department of Cultural and Nature Operations, the Thomas Center Biennial will be held every other year.