

## 2008 RISING SUN FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS & CRAFTS JURORS

### **Gary Gleason, Cincinnati, Ohio**

Mr. Gleason started his career by framing pictures for The Henry Nurre Company. Eventually he and a college friend purchased the company, and ultimately built it into one of the largest wholesale molding companies in the world with manufacturing and distribution centers around the United States. For the last seven years, Mr. Gleason and his wife, Laura Miller Gleason, have been the co-owners of the highly reputable Miller Gallery located in Hyde Park Square in Cincinnati, Ohio. They have successfully attracted some of the world's most respected and collected painters and sculptors. Their goal is to showcase artists who have achieved the highest levels of recognition in the art world alongside emerging talent whose work is breakthrough in style and technique.

### **Ron Monsma, South Bend, Indiana**

In addition to being the head of Drawing and Painting at Indiana University South Bend, Mr. Monsma is a celebrated artist who has had numerous solo exhibitions, received many awards for excellence in art, and is represented in collections throughout the United States and Europe. Ron's work has been published in books on contemporary American oil painting, the Pastel Journal, International Artist Magazine, and it has been featured in several articles in The Artist's Magazine. His work appears in Pure Color, the Best of Pastel published by Northlight Books and in 20th Century Indiana Landscape Painters. Ron Monsma is represented by Miller Gallery in Cincinnati Ohio, Blue Gallery in Three Oaks Michigan and Green Leaf Gallery in Bannockburn Illinois.

### **Bill Seitz, Covington, Kentucky**

Mr. Seitz earned a BFA from Miami University, Oxford and an MFA from Clemson University in South Carolina. After many years teaching art at various universities, Bill accepted the Gallery Directorship for the Carnegie Visual and Performing Art Center in Covington, KY where he manages five indoor galleries as well as an outdoor Sculpture Space. He has mounted over 300 exhibitions, and he runs and operates all aspects of the Art Center. He has juried over 50 competitions and done numerous workshops and lectures at area colleges and art organizations. The National Endowment for The Arts has awarded Mr. Seitz with a Grant for Outstanding Gallery Programming, and he has received awards for The Best Art Galleries and Arts Leader.