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**Santa is Coming to The Art Center of Corpus Christi!
November 12, 2011 at 11:00 am**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas- Artist and Native Texan Billy L. Keen is bringing his *Visions of Santa* exhibit to the Art Center! Keen has painted a new Santa each year since 1974 and this year's painting will be number 38. Billy Keen's works have been featured all across the Great State of Texas and have been featured on TV's Texas Country Reporter! "The act of creating puts me in the holiday mood" states Keen. He painted his first Santa for his son. The following year Keen painted another Santa for his second son. By the third year it seemed like a neat thing to do, and by year four it was a full blown tradition. Each Santa painting is a reflection of the events of that year and how they influenced the artist; each Santa has a personality and emotion all its own. Billy Keen still believes in Santa and said in an interview, "It's the power of smallness and charity that makes Santa powerful enough to fly around the world." Join us for a special opening reception at the Art Center of Corpus Christi on November 12th at 11:00am where you can meet the artist and view the latest exhibition. Be sure to bring the family to have your picture taken with Father Christmas himself for the perfect Holiday card. Make your list and check it twice! The Holidays are coming!

Link to Texas Country Reporter Interview with Billy Keen: <http://youtu.be/doR8cHgu8rU>

WHO: Media, Press, Members of the Community, Artists, Collectors, Families, Enthusiasts

WHAT: Billy Keen's *Visions of Santa* Exhibit Opening & Pictures with Father Christmas

WHEN: November 12, 2011 at 11:00am

WHERE: The Art Center of Corpus Christi at 100 Shoreline Blvd. Corpus Christi, TX 78401



Image Credit: Artist Billy Keen

About the Art Center of Corpus Christi The Art Center of Corpus

Christi (www.artcentercc.org 361-884-6406) was founded as a community art center and 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization in 1972. "The Center" provides an environment for creative expression with educational programs and exhibition of the arts. Its facilities include nine art organizations, five gallery spaces, and studio space for art classes. The Art Center is located at 100 Shoreline Boulevard on Corpus Christi's historic bayfront. Its facilities are available for weddings, receptions, and special events. The Art Center has free admission and is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm.