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**HANGER ORTHOPEDIC GROUP ANNOUNCES FINALISTS IN
'ARTroduction TO AUSTIN' ART COMPETITION**

10 Artists Competing for \$10,000 Commission

AUSTIN, Texas — Nov. 4, 2010 — After receiving more than 60 submissions from some of the region's most diverse and talented artists, [Hanger Orthopedic Group's](#) independent judging panel has narrowed the number of talented contestants to 10. The finalists are competing for a \$10,000 commission and the opportunity to display their work at Hanger's new corporate headquarters at The Domain for approximately two years before being auctioned off to benefit a local nonprofit organization.

The finalists are:

- Bryan Dubreuiel, Round Rock, "Back to Life"
- Montena Fink, Austin, "Life"
- Morgan Graff, Austin, "Strides"
- Cody Hooper, Austin, "Creation"
- John Howell, Round Rock, "Full Speed Ahead"
- Seth Hudson, Jonestown, "Wave"
- Liza Shadrin, Austin, "Scenes in Motion"
- D.L. Tolar, Wimberley, "Three Ring Circus"
- Leigh Taylor Wyatt, Austin, "Aqua U's"
- Sydney Yeager, Austin, "Untitled"

"This was a challenging decision," said Judith Sims, Senior Director of Art Education for the Austin Museum of Art and one of five ARTroduction panelists. "This kind of competition reflects the wonderful artistic talent that has been cultivated and expressed throughout the region. We believe we selected a group of finalists who have exceptionally captured the competition theme of 'Moving Lives Forward.' We can't wait for others to see their work."

The public can now go online to www.ARTroduction.com to view representative images of the 10 finalists' artwork, as selected by the five panelists including Sims; Hanger Orthopedic Group President and CEO Tom Kirk; Austin Artist, Holocaust Survivor and Hanger Patient Dr. Max Brenner; Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager with the City of Austin Megan Crigger; and *Austin Chronicle* Arts Writer Robert Faires.

Each image is accompanied by a brief description from the artist. The artwork and artists will also be present at an invitation-only reception on Tuesday, November 16 at Hanger's corporate headquarters, giving them direct exposure to the community's arts, civic and business leaders.

The winner, who will be selected by the panelists to receive a \$10,000 commission, will be announced in the days following the reception. Additionally, Hanger's 4,000+ employees nationwide will have the opportunity to vote online for their favorite finalist to receive a \$1,000 cash prize as the Hanger Employee Choice Award winner. The Employee Choice Award winning artwork will be temporarily displayed in one of Hanger's four Austin-area patient care centers. All 10 finalists also receive a \$500 cash prize.

"Throughout our relocation to Austin, we recognized that this region is renowned for its creativity and innovation, but the talent we encountered during this competition and in the many hires we have made this year has far surpassed our expectations," said Kirk.

As a way to engage the local community of its new home, Hanger initiated the "ARTroduction to Austin" art competition in August to reflect the company's and Austin's shared values. The competition, which ended after two months on October 19, was open to any artist 18 years or older in the five-county region of Central Texas (Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson). Priority is given to artists in the early stages of their careers, in keeping with Hanger's commitment to education and career development; however, all artists within the region were encouraged to apply.

Hanger Orthopedic Group celebrated the relocation of the company headquarters from Bethesda, Maryland to Austin, Texas with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 15, 2010. By the end of 2010, Hanger expects to employ a staff of 145 at its Austin headquarters, of which 100 are new local hires.

About Hanger Orthopedic Group (www.hanger.com)

Hanger Orthopedic Group (NYSE: HGR) helps those with limb loss, paralysis, and debilitating orthopedic anomalies become productive members of society after a devastating injury or illness. We're in the business of providing personal independence, increased mobility and restored functionality. Our employees move lives forward and realize success through their patients' independence. With 680+ patient care centers in 45 states and the District of Columbia, Hanger Orthopedic Group is the world's premier provider of orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) patient care. Additionally, we have businesses in distribution, network management, and device development and commercialization.

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