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FAIRYDUST FACES AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Tallahassee, Florida June 20, 2011— Since 2001 the Face and Body Art International Convention of Orlando Florida has been recognized as the original and premier event for the Face and Body Art community. The convention offers cutting edge training in Face and Body Painting, Airbrush Art, Henna, and Special Effects. Courses are taught by award winning instructors who fly in from around the world to work with students in small classes. Karen Mercer of FairyDust Faces is proud to say over the last several years – this year included -- she has taken classes and worked alongside the best of the best.

Noting the not inconsequential price tag to go to convention, Mercer feels that convention attendance is a testimony to a face painters commitment and professionalism. Mercer adds, “I think continuing education, like liability insurance and professional products, is one of those things that separates a professional face and body artist from someone who advertises on craigslist and books parties ‘on the side.’”

Not only did Mercer refresh her skills with Yolanda Bartram of New Zealand (world body painting champion 2009 & 2010) but also studied master painters from the UK, Australia, Germany and the US. Delighted that she was able to have uninterrupted time with airbrush master Donna Nowalk of Michigan, she said her airbrush skills have increased by leaps and bounds. “Donna has a range of sweat-proof airbrush makeup that I think is going to take Tallahassee by storm when we debut it later this month.”

Perhaps even more exciting was Mercers competition in the body painting championship held the last day of the conference. Pitted against 49 other painters from all over the world Mercer completed a super hero design -- complete with custom headpiece and special effect gauntlets -- on her model single-handedly in the allotted six hours.

Karen Mercer, founding artist of **FairyDust Faces**, is committed to the success of art instruction in public schools and to the success of local youth organizations. She has taught face painting in schools as well as ‘storytelling for children.’ Mercer is also the co-founder of the North Florida Face Painters Guild a non-profit, educational organization for face and body artists. Experience the magic of FairyDust!