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**Renowned Pop Artist Romero Britto Brings Monumental Sculptures to Denver**  
Aspen Grove Hosts *Britto Tours America* in Summer 2008

Denver, CO — June 9, 2008 — With the belief that “art is too important not to share,” internationally known artist Romero Britto is bringing his museum-quality work to communities across the country. From June 12 to July 6 Britto will share his vivid and playful art with Denver. One of the premier Pop Artists of our time, Britto is headlining the *Britto Tours America* exhibition at Aspen Grove.

While Britto is a regular in international galleries, private art collections and museums, the *Britto Tours America* exhibition is the first of its kind for the artist. The traveling sculpture tour will visit 11 Developers Diversified Realty centers throughout the nation. Each of the 12 sculptures featured will stand six feet tall and will include some of Britto’s most familiar images, including *Dancing Boy*, *Butterfly*, *Azul (Blue Dog)*, *Good Girl* and *Squeaki (Cat)*.

“We are thrilled to feature Romero Britto’s work at our domestic lifestyle centers,” said John S. Kokinchak, executive vice president of property management at Developers Diversified Realty. “We believe that bringing art to our communities creates an



opportunity to inspire creativity, encourage art appreciation and support educational organizations. We are proud of this opportunity to foster awareness and learning of arts.”

In addition to the sculptures, Aspen Grove is hosting several special events during the three-week tour stop. A VIP reception with the artist will be held on Friday, June 13 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Aspen Grove. The event will feature a silent auction, live entertainment by The Skanson String Trio, refreshments and carriage rides through the property to view the 12 monumental sculptures. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Creative Expression Group. On Saturday, June 14 from 1 pm to 3 pm, Romero Britto will host a children’s painting party at Aspen Grove. For information about the VIP reception or the children’s painting party, please contact the Aspen Grove management office at 303-794-0640.

Britto’s sculptures and paintings are exhibited on five continents and sought by art lovers everywhere, including collectors such as California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, tennis star Andre Agassi, singers Gloria Estefan and Elton John, U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy and philanthropist Eileen Guggenheim. His vibrant and passionate collection is easily recognized for its bright colors and bold compositions and can be explored at [www.britto.com](http://www.britto.com).

As a child growing up in Recife, Brazil, Britto always had drive and a passion to excel. In his formative years, art was a hobby as he pursued law and diplomatic studies. While serving in the Brazilian army, Britto realized his dream to pursue his love of painting, and threw himself into his artwork.

In 1989, Britto brought his art across the Atlantic after accepting a friend’s invitation to visit Miami. He sold his art on the streets of Coconut Grove and got his big break when Absolut Vodka took notice of his talent and commissioned him to design a commemorative label. The project was a commercial success, and art lovers and critics



began to take notice. Following this amazing success, extraordinary opportunities and acclaim continued to come his way. He has been sought out for a wide variety of projects, including the historic 2007 partnership with the National Football League and Cirque du Soleil for Super Bowl XLI. He was recently invited to erect a 45-foot commemorative pyramid sculpture in London's Hyde Park as part of the Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs exhibition's historic return to London after 35 years. Britto has also been commissioned for a variety of projects by notable companies such as Disney, Pepsi-Cola, Audi, Volvo and Movado.

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