



## **Hollins Museum, Professor Named “Best of the City”**

Roanoke, Va. - Hollins University’s Eleanor D. Wilson Museum, and T.J. Anderson, associate professor of English, were among the winners in *City Magazine's* 2007 Best of the City Awards, representing the finest in area arts, culture and events.

Readers selected the Wilson Museum as the region’s "Best Museum." Opened in 2004, the museum is the centerpiece of Hollins’ Richard Wetherill Visual Arts Center and is a Museum Partner of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, a designation that helps bring world-class exhibitions and other arts programming to the university.

Sculptor Chakaia Booker’s exhibition, "Forefront," which the Wilson Museum showcased from September 26 – December 9 last year, was selected as the "Best Art Exhibit" in the area over the last 12 months. Booker creates sculptures by slicing, twisting, stripping, weaving and riveting recycled tires, and her exhibit offered a unique perspective on environmental decay and transformative redemption.

Anderson, a poet, literary critic, and member of the Hollins faculty since 1998, was voted among the top three in the category "Best Area Author." His critical book on jazz poetry, *Notes to Make the Sound Come Right: Four Innovators of Jazz*, was published to wide acclaim in 2004. He has also published poems in numerous distinguished literary journals and has produced two poetry and music collaborations: *The Mask* and *Songs of Illumination*.

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