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FINAL DAYS TO SEE CHINESE ART EXHIBIT

“Hand to Hand” Embroidery Exhibit Returns to China After June 12th Final Day

Atlanta, GA.- There is less than a week left to see one of the most extraordinary art exhibits ever shown in Atlanta. “Hand to Hand: Two Grand Masters of Suzhou Embroidery” returns to China after its June 12th final day. The Carter Presidential Library & Museum is the only venue outside China to see these fabulous works.

Alice Walker, the author of *The Color Purple* said “the word embroidery doesn’t capture the magic.” The Atlanta Journal-Constitution called it a “silk marvel.” The thirty-two pieces of silk art are the works of two of China’s best embroiderers, Grand Master Gu Wenxia and her protégé Grand Master Yu Fuzhen.

Grand Master Gu is the former President of the Suzhou Embroidery Institute and the founder of the Suzhou Embroidery Museum. As the chief designer for the Suzhou Embroidery Institute, she developed the design for the world famous double-sided “Kitten Playing With Mantis” embroidery. The embroidery was presented to President Carter and Mrs. Carter by Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping during his 1979 visit to Washington and is on permanent display at the Carter Presidential Museum.

The collection includes unforgettable landscapes, flowers, portraits and animals mounted in beautiful Chinese frames. The works are done with incredible detail using silk threads thinner than a human hair. There are double-sided embroideries with different images on each side. Some embroideries appear to change from night to day or summer to winter depending on the way they are viewed.

This is an exhibit not to be missed!!!

The Carter Presidential Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 4:45 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for Seniors (60+), students with IDs and military. Those 16 and under are always free. Parking is free.

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