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***Il Chioistro Inc.* Announces Tuesday Evening “Salons” as part of its 4th Annual Visual Arts Exhibit at Soho’s Broome Street Gallery.**

New York, NY, January 2009 – This year, *Il Chioistro* is adding two evening salon presentations to its 4th annual art exhibit at the Broome Street Gallery in Soho: Tuesday, March 3 ***Italian Food & Wine***; Tuesday March 10 ***Photography & Fiction***.

This year’s juried exhibition, titled “Shades of Italy,” features 80 original painting, photography and sculpture works by artists who have attended workshops with *Il Chioistro* across Italy between 1995 and 2008. The show will run for 2 weeks, March 3rd-15th, 2009, at the Broome Street Gallery, 498 Broome St. in Soho. The Artists’ Reception will be held on Saturday March 7th @ 4pm. All artwork is for sale by the artists.

The two Tuesday evening salons are:

Italian Food & Wine (Tuesday March 3rd @ 6:00): informal presentations by food experts and importers with samples of specialty Italian food products such as Dievole Chianti Classico wine, prosciutto di Parma, Tuscan olive oil. Featured guest speaker will be **Chef Michael Vignapiano** of The Art Institute of New York.

Photography & Writing (Tuesday March 10th @ 6:00): a digital slide show and readings by *Il Chioistro* alumni with special guest **Marcella Smith** of **Barnes & Noble Inc.** discussing how writers can maximize their opportunities in today’s bookselling marketplace.

Il Chioistro, Inc. has been offering arts workshops across Italy in photography, painting, cooking, writing and sculpture since 1995. Our mission is to bring Italy to people; to broaden the experience of visiting Italy by focusing on the arts in intimate, authentic settings.

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