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**The Network: Young Professionals of the Quad Cities and the Figge Art Museum
Announce Partnership to Attract and Retain Young Professionals in the Quad Cities**

(QUAD CITIES) – The Network: Young Professionals of the Quad Cities and the Figge Art Museum are excited to announce a partnership that will showcase the Quad Cities quality of life to area young professionals, offer free annual memberships to the Figge Art Museum to young professionals and bring in a bold new exhibition to the Figge Art Museum.

This partnership will kick off on Thursday, November 13th with a launch party of the new exhibition *For Such a Time as This: Remembering Vietnam*. This launch event will also mark the new grounds for The Figge and The Network's partnership by offering an opportunity for all young professionals to become a member of The Figge for free in 2009 as a benefit of membership to The Network. This effort began as an initiative of The Network and the Figge to attract and retain young professionals in the Quad Cities through showcasing all that the Quad Cities has to offer.

For Such a Time as This: Remembering Vietnam allows you to experience your senses of touch and sight through the new interactive exhibition that covers 3,000 square feet of installation space. Artist Adrienne Noelle Werge's work has a meditative quality, and draws from her personal experience as an adopted child at the closing of the Vietnam War. Time and space collapse when original 1972 footage from Vung Tau is projected onto a rice covered floor. Rice becomes a metaphor for life, death, lost souls and memories of the living.

For Such a Time as This: Remembering Vietnam is sponsored by Genesis Health Systems and the River Cities Reader.

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The Network: Young Professionals of the Quad Cities represents over 2,300 young professionals, in their 20s and 30s, from the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities, representing all backgrounds, professions and lifestyles. The group formed in January 2008 as a result of a merger between Young Professionals Network (YPN), an initiative of the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, and DavenportOne's neXt Professionals.

The Quad City Chamber of Commerce Federation, a non-profit organization, comprises the Bettendorf, DavenportOne and Illinois Quad City Chambers of Commerce. The Federation serves as a vehicle for launching collaborative events, projects and initiatives among these chambers of commerce.

The Figge Art Museum actively serves the public by promoting appreciation and creation of visual art through education, and by collecting, conserving and exhibiting art. The museum collection includes more than 3,500 paintings, photographs, sculpture, and works on paper from the 16th century to the present. The Figge also offers a variety of art classes, gallery talks, lectures, special events, and family days. Figge Art Museum members enjoy the benefit of free admission, member events, and discounts on selected programs. Figge strives to enhance the quality of life in our community through the power of art and education.