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MEDIA RELEASE

**“My Heritage – My Home”
Launch of art exhibition to raise vital funds for
*Touched by Olivia Foundation***

Date: Monday 16 June, 2008

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Entry: Donation to *Touched by Olivia Foundation*

Where: Rosedale Cottage Restaurant and Gallery
175 Rosedale Road, St. Ives

On Monday 16 June, Rosedale Cottage Restaurant and Gallery will host a special event, the launch of their latest exhibition “*My Heritage – My Home*” by painter Sergio Sill, to raise vital funds for the *Touched by Olivia Foundation*.

Touched by Olivia Foundation was established by Justine and John Perkins in November 2006 following the tragic loss of their 8 month old baby, Olivia to a rare disease called lymphangioma.

With the aim of helping other families by giving children the opportunity to live happier, healthier lives; in less than 2 years *Touched by Olivia Foundation* has raised more than \$500,000 contributing significantly to the lives of seriously ill children at Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick and bringing happiness to children and their families through creating all abilities playgrounds called ‘Livvi’s Place’.

The Foundation’s third focus is creating partnerships with other children’s charities to produce and deliver parenting programs aimed at nurturing and improving the well-being of children and family life.

‘Through the support of organisations such as the Rosedale Cottage Restaurant and Gallery we are able to connect *Olivia’s Touch* to children and families, and make a difference by helping them to live happier, healthier lives,’ said John Perkins.

‘We are tremendously grateful to the Rosedale Cottage Restaurant and Gallery for supporting this dream and helping us to make it a reality,’ he said.

The Rosedale Cottage Restaurant and Gallery holds 2 major exhibition openings annually where guests are invited to make donations to help a worthy cause.

Owner of the Rosedale Cottage Restaurant and Gallery, Marta Duncan said, ‘We are very proud to present this exhibition of Sergio Sill’s beautiful paintings that feature rich, bold colours and lyrical fluid textures. Importantly, we’re delighted that we are able to support the inspiring work of *Touched by Olivia Foundation* and help them to help children and families in need through what will be a very special fundraising event,’ she said.

Entry to the launch of “*My Heritage – My Home*” (6:00pm - 8:00pm) is a donation to the *Touched by Olivia Foundation*.

While guests mingle enjoying canapés and drinks and explore the works of the exhibition they will be invited to purchase tickets in the raffle of a special limited edition print of “*Gumlon Reflections*” which has been kindly donated by Sergio Sill with all proceeds going to the *Touched by Olivia Foundation*.

Sergio Sill is widely recognised as a natural colourist, whose rich and fiery palette has continued on in lush colours and lyrical intensity of his paintings.

The exhibition “*My Heritage – My Home*” is an inspirational journey through the artistic tradition and romance of Italy, his birthplace - to the heart of a dreamland rich in colour and form, Australia, his home.

The works of Sergio Sill will be on exhibition 16 June - 2 August, 2008

To attend the Launch of “My Heritage – My Home”

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