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Spanish artist Alvar Suñol to unveil *Plenitud* at the Georgia Center

Athens, Ga. – The University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center and Hotel will have an unveiling and dedication ceremony for *Plenitud*, an oil on canvas by Spanish artist Alvar Suñol, Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Pecan Tree Galleria. Alvar will attend a screening of *Alvar Suñol: His Vision and His Art*, an award-winning documentary about his life and work at 3:30 p.m. in Masters Hall. The community is invited to the dedication ceremony and screening, which are free and open to the public. The Georgia Center is located at 1197 S. Lumpkin Street in Athens, Ga.

Additionally, *Lithographs by Alvar Suñol: An exhibition marking the 50th Anniversary of the Georgia Center* will be on display Jan. 2 through March 1, in the Georgia Center's Hill Atrium. The eight lithographs Alvar has selected are representative of his artistic production over the past four decades and are among his favorite works of art.

Alvar was born in the Catalan town of Montgat, north of Barcelona, on Jan. 29, 1935. A master of many genres, Alvar has exhibited lithographs, paintings, watercolors, drawings, engravings, sculptures and ceramics in galleries and museums throughout the United States, Europe and Japan. *Plenitud* was created for UGA's Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and will hang permanently in the Georgia Center.

Alvar Suñol: His Vision and His Art, a 42-minute documentary, was written and produced by Betty Jean Craige, director of the Jane and Harry Willson Center for Humanities and Arts and University Professor of comparative literature at UGA, and Alan Stecker, a retired UGA telecommunications faculty member in the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. Stecker also directed the documentary. The film was awarded first place in the short documentary category by the Indie Gathering film festival for independent filmmakers in 2006.

The Georgia Center, celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2007, is a unit of the University of Georgia's Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach. The Center provides innovative lifelong learning opportunities through its continuing education programs. On UGA's campus, the Georgia Center includes a full-service hotel with 200 rooms and suites, restaurants, banquet areas, conference rooms, auditoriums, a fitness center and a computer lab — all under one roof. For more information, see www.georgiacenter.uga.edu.

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