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Paintings by Galen Cheney

At Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site

Cornish, NH –The Picture Gallery at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, will highlight works by painter, **Galen Cheney**. The public is invited to an **opening reception** in the Picture Gallery, **Saturday, September 3, 2011, from 4:30-6:00 p.m., with a talk by the artist at 5:00 p.m.** The reception and artist talk are free and open to the public. **The exhibition will be on view daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from September 3 through October 24, 2011.**

A graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, Cheney earned an MFA in painting from the Maryland Institute College of Art. Born in Los Angeles, she lives and works Middlesex, Vermont. Cheney says of her work “my goal is to make paintings that feel inevitable: paintings that seem to have emerged over time with the help of many hands. I am drawn to city walls that show the ephemera of decades: marks, tags, torn posters, and expressions of all kinds, by artists, youths, outsiders, strivers—often anonymous people connected only by geography. The paintings I am making now include invented letters of imagined tongues as abstract forms. By using forms evocative of both Western and Arabic languages, I hope to invent a cross-cultural collaboration between often polarized worlds.”

Three exhibits in the Picture Gallery are sponsored annually by the Trustees of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial in cooperation with Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. The Saint-Gaudens Memorial is a non-profit partner of the National Park Service, helping to support the mission of Saint-Gaudens



National Historic Site. For more information about the Saint-Gaudens Memorial and about joining the Friends of Saint-Gaudens, please visit their website: www.sgnhs.org.

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site is located off NH Route 12A, just north of the Cornish-Windsor covered bridge. The park is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from May 28 through October 31. Admission to the site is \$5.00 per person; children 15 and under are admitted free of charge. As a Federal Fee Area, the America the Beautiful Annual, Senior and Access passes, are honored. An annual park pass for Saint-Gaudens NHS is also available for \$25. For information on seasonal offerings, write: Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, 139 Saint-Gaudens Road, Cornish, NH 03745; phone: (603) 675-2175 x 106; or visit the park's website: www.nps.gov/saga.