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Canyon Light: Double-crested Cormorants at Nest

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## **Southern Nevada Artist and Naturalist Sharon K. Schafer Receives Prestigious International Awards and Recognitions**

Boulder City, Nevada – Artist and naturalist Sharon K. Schafer, of southern Nevada, has received international recognition for her wildlife art. She is the first Nevadan accepted into the two top international organizations for wildlife art, The Society of Animal Artists and the Artists for Conservation.

Schafer was selected as a Member of the Society of Animal Artists, which represents the finest animal artists from around the globe and promotes environmental education through the use of art. Schafer's painting, Canyon Light: Double-crested Cormorants at Nest (shown above), has been selected for inclusion in the 49th Society of Animal Arts exhibit, "Art and the Animal", at the Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure from September 4 - November 1, 2009 in Salina, KA.

Schafer also was selected as a Signature Member of the Artists for Conservation and was juried into the organization's current exhibit, "The Art of Conservation 2009: An International Exhibit of Nature in Art," at the Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum in Oradell, NJ from September 15 – December 31, 2009. The Artists for Conservation is an international, non-profit organization that dedicates itself to the celebration and preservation of the natural world through art.

In addition, Schafer's painting "On the Front Porch," featuring a burrowing owl, was accepted into the 2009 international show "Art of the Animal Kingdom XIV," held at the Bennington Center for the Arts, Bennington, VT. The exhibit will be on display from June 13 - July 26, 2009. Since 1996, the Bennington Center for the Arts has showcased some of the world's finest wildlife artists in this prestigious annual exhibition.