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CELEBRATE THE *CAPS FOR SALE* AUTHOR'S 100TH BIRTHDAY WITH US!

Esphyr Slobodkina, Abstract Artist, Author and Illustrator is Remembered during her Centennial Year through a Series of Art Exhibitions and Public Programs

Glen Head, New York – September 2, 2008 – Esphyr Slobodkina, internationally-renowned artist and author of the classic children's book *Caps for Sale*, will be honored in a series of events commemorating her 100th birthday beginning fall 2008. This posthumous celebration remembers a pioneer who was among the first female American artists to explore abstraction and the first to use collage as an illustrational technique in American children's books.

The Slobodkina Foundation will be providing downloadable *Caps for Sale* activity kits and program materials to encourage educators to acknowledge and celebrate Esphyr Slobodkina's centennial. These materials will be available on the Slobodkina Foundation website beginning September 22, 2008 – Esphyr Slobodkina's birthday.

Lectures, interactive programs, and touring opportunities will be offered concurrently with a traveling art exhibition, *Rediscovering Slobodkina: A Pioneer of American Abstraction* – the largest and most comprehensive Slobodkina retrospective to date featuring paintings and illustrations on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This exhibition will premiere at the Heckscher Museum of Art in Huntington, New York in March 2009, and will then travel to the Samuel P. Harn Art Museum and the Naples Museum of Art in Florida. Please contact us to find out about programs being offered in your region.

For information about events and programming opportunities in your area, please contact us at annmarie@slobodkina.org or visit our website at www.slobodkina.org.

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