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## **For Immediate Release**

### **CARIBBEAN PHOTOGRAPHER STAGES SOLO EXHIBITION**

Top Caribbean photographer, Kirk Elliott, will stage his first solo exhibition, titled "**DARE TO DREAM**", in September 2007.

"'Dare to Dream' is the culmination of a 30 year journey," noted Elliott. "The exhibition is also a salute to the many persons who have encouraged and nurtured me, as well as to those who have attempted to discouraged me and thwart my efforts. You have all truly been my inspiration." said Elliott.

Elliott is a successful wedding & commercial photographer in St. Lucia, an island in the Caribbean known for its twin peak mountains, called the Pitons. The exhibition will feature some of Elliott's most prolific work to date, highlighting St. Lucia as one of the most beautiful places on earth. Indeed, Oprah Winfrey's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Oprah Magazine" placed St. Lucia's Pitons at # 1 in the top 5 places in the world to visit in one's lifetime\*.

Over 40 photographs of various sizes will be exhibited at the Caribbean Art Gallery in Rodney Bay Marina, St. Lucia. Elliott's work has appeared in several tourist related brochures and magazines emanating from St. Lucia. His work has been used by the St. Lucia Tourist Board, the St. Lucia Hotel and Tourism Association as well as by other clients involved in tourism both in St. Lucia and abroad. Elliott's work currently graces numerous hotel rooms in St. Lucia.

Elliott's exhibition opens on September 15<sup>th</sup> under the distinguished patronage of Her Excellency, Dame Pearlette Louisy, Governor General of St. Lucia, and runs until September 30<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Elliott says he sees "Dare to Dream" as a gift to all the people of the world who may not always see and enjoy the beauty of our "**Big Blue Marble**", however,

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says Elliott: “Photographers, like me can see this beauty through the lens and capture it for posterity.”

Elliott was formally trained as a geologist (BSc - University of the West Indies, Jamaica) but found his passion in photography. Elliott feels fortunate to have trained with some of the greatest photographers on earth, right here in the Caribbean, in North America and as far a field as Hawaii in the Pacific - an island that is constantly compared to St. Lucia for its lush vegetation, scenic beauty and volcanic topography.

Elliott is the founding president of the St. Lucia Association of Professional Photographers. He hopes to shortly start an annual Caribbean Photo Workshop which will bring together world class photographers to work along side Caribbean photographers in a symbiosis that will give the visiting photographers access to photo opportunities that are easily come upon by Caribbean people only. And in return Caribbean photographers will be exposed to methods for improving their artistic and business acumen.

Elliott is a member of the American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP)\*\* - South Florida Chapter and travels regularly to Miami to attend seminars and workshops, as well as to procure supplies.

Four local St. Lucian business houses have agreed to sponsor this exhibition: The Frame Gallery, Caribbean Art Gallery, Belvoir Estates and The Edge Restaurant.

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- \*Oprah Magazine 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, page 288.
- \*\* ASMP is the largest association of publication photographers in the world and boasts an international membership.

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