



## **M.B. Wellington Studio Launches Their New Innovative Plastic LightCast® Panels for Interior and Exterior Installations**

*NASHUA, NH April , 2006* - M.B. Wellington Studio, Inc., creator of the innovative plastic Lightblocks®, has launched a new line of monolithic acrylic panels for nearly any interior or exterior installation called LightCast®. The LightCast colored panels are a high-tech, top of the line plastic that is stronger than glass, resist scratching and provide a soothing, colorful glow when backlit to make design visions become a reality.

“Previously, Lightblocks was only available in custom-made colors and finishes,” said Mary Boone Wellington, artist and creator of Lightblocks. “The new LightCast line offers eight standard colors, thicknesses, as well as complete design, certification and installation packages. LightCast is easy to cut, glue and fabricate, making the panel perfect for challenging environments such as outdoor tables and countertops,” said Wellington.

Each LightCast panel is double-sided, created as a single piece without laminations and available in Beeswax, Cotton, Green Tea, Hazelnut, Cayanne, Solitude, Ocean and Silk colors. The LightCast panels will feature the original renewable Lightblocks matte finish with its signature time-tested fingerprint, smudge and scratch resistant surface.

Matt Hyatt, RA, Associate at Bergmeyer Associates, Inc., has worked with MB Wellington Studio on a handful of projects and incorporated LightCast in several high profile projects. “We love the material for its durability, luminosity and ease of installation,” said Hyatt. “We seem to choose it for different reasons each time and can rely on the technical expertise and experience of MBWS that no other fabricator can provide.”

LightCast has already been utilized by several of the nation’s most renowned architects and designers. The panels were used for 150 tables at the new elegant Table 1280 restaurant that is located in the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta, GA, which was designed by Renzo Piano and at Independent Mobile (IMO) cell phone stores on the countertops, backsplash and displays at the Columbus, OH, Waltham, MA and Framingham, MA locations to name a few.

The LightCast panels can be used for a variety of applications including tables, doors, walls, partitions, ceilings, lighting fixtures, furniture, walls, shelving, displays, sculptures, facades and signs. The product line has a renewable surface and is more durable, lighter and stronger than glass. LightCast is suitable for any setting by being impervious to penetration, germ resistant and can be cleaned very easily with Pine Sol or any household cleaner without damaging the surface. Should a panel become scratched, the scratch is easily removed by rubbing it gently with a Scotch Brite pad. Custom color samples are shipped within 2-3 days of request and the lead time of four to eight weeks for the final product is remarkably short for the material.

All excess materials are recycled at the highest possible level, reflecting a dedication to sustainability. "Used as a design element, plastics make a wonderful contribution to sustainable construction," says Wellington. "They can replace less functional materials, provide more strength and durability and are 100% recyclable. We take pride in our recycling program that accepts our Lightblocks and LightCast materials back for recycling at the end of their useful life." MB Wellington Studio has recycled over 60,000 pounds of scrap back into useful products.

**ABOUT M.B. WELLINGTON STUDIO:**

For more than 20 years, Mary Boone Wellington's talent and creative vision have earned her an array of public and private commissions as a sculptor and visual artist. But it is her innovation that drives the success of **M.B. Wellington Studio, Inc. ([www.lightblocks.com](http://www.lightblocks.com))**, which she founded in 1998. Several years ago, Wellington was searching for a distinctive and colorful alternative to glass for one of her commissions. Unable to find the right material commercially, Wellington developed an entirely new and unique medium: LightBlocks. These translucent color panels are so unique. In fact, in 2003, Lightblocks were granted a US patent. Wellington's LightBlocks, which are available in custom colors, sizes and thickness, instantly caught the eye and sparked the imagination of some of the country's most prominent architects, designers and artists. The company's growing client list includes Citibank, Starbucks, Nike, MTV, HBO, Discovery Channel Store, Anthropologie, Lancôme, Dallas Galleria, Beverly Center, Herman Miller, Edelman Public Relations, Gillette World Headquarters, Diageo, Metropolitan Museum in NY, MFA in Boston, Wynn Las Vegas, Lord & Taylor, May Company and Puma.

More information about MB Wellington Studio and LightBlocks can be obtained at **[www.lightblocks.com](http://www.lightblocks.com)** or by calling 603-889-1115.

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