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National Museum of Civil War Medicine to Host Second Annual Fine Art Benefit

Frederick, MD (October 14, 2004,) – The National Museum of Civil War Medicine announced today details regarding the second annual fine art fundraiser to benefit the museum’s programs and operations. The fundraiser will once again feature the embracing historical landscapes of nationally recognized artist Jeff Fioravanti, and will include original art, Giclee prints, and note cards created by the artist of the storied and historically significant lands of our nation, including works depicting the hallowed grounds of Antietam, Gettysburg, and Manassas.

“In every stroke of Jeff’s work, he paints a powerful yet sensitive homage to our nation’s legacy. His works, breathtaking on their own merit, offer so much more to the viewer,” said George Wunderlich, director of the museum. “That they portray the hallowed ground of America makes them all the more inspiring” continued the museum’s director.

“But it doesn’t stop there” asserted Wunderlich. “What makes Jeff truly unique is that he goes far beyond being just another artist painting the lands of a nation. His unselfish dedication to preservation, ensuring that these lands, and museums like ours, are here for future generations, to learn and understand” claimed George. “This is the true value of Jeff Fioravanti; he gets it” emphasized the museum’s director.

Opening October 30, 2004 and closing December 23, 2004, the benefit exhibition will be available for viewing and on display during regular museum hours, which are Monday –Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and Sunday 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. An opening reception with the artist is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

“We were extremely pleased with the 2003 exhibition as it more than exceeded any of our expectations,” remarked Ann Lee, director of retail operations for the museum. “Now, with a year under our belt and knowing first-hand the quality of Jeff’s work, plus his ever increasing recognition in the world of art and historic preservation, we are extremely optimistic that this year’s show will prove to be even more successful for the museum and its programs” exclaimed Ms. Lee.

“We are really looking forward to this year’s benefit” said an enthused museum director Wunderlich. “Last year’s exhibition raised almost \$5,000 for the museum, and proved to be the most successful fundraiser in museum history! We believe we can build upon that and make this a very successful event for the museum in 2004 and for the future,” stated Mr. Wunderlich.

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine is the premiere repository of exhibits and artifacts devoted to the technological and procedural advances made in the medical field between 1861-1865. Through interactive educational programs, exhibits, and seminars, the Museum heightens public awareness of the modern medical practices that originated on the battlefields and in the hospitals of this once divided country. For additional information, about this exhibit, or the museum, please call 301-695-1864, or visit www.civilwarmed.org.

Jeff Fioravanti is an award-winning artist, who belongs to several preservation groups and prestigious art organizations throughout the United States, including signature membership in the Pastel Society of America, Connecticut Pastel Society, and the Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod, and is included in Who’s Who in America. To learn more about the artist, please visit <http://www.fioravanti-fineart.com>, or contact the artist at 781/595-5961.