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World-Renowned Artist to Paint Live at the Lake Hopatcong Block Party

LAKE HOPATCONG, N.J. (April 16, 2014)—The world-famous artist Greg Hildebrandt, known for his work on Star Wars and Lord of the Rings, among other things, will be painting an historical scene from Lake Hopatcong live at the Lake Hopatcong Block Party on **Saturday, May 10 at Hopatcong State Park**. The painting will then be auctioned off at the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Silent Auction and Gala in July.

“Art is my life. Lake Hopatcong is my home. It is a magical place that inspires me,” Hildebrandt said in a statement to the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. “On May 10th, at the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Block Party, I will be painting an historical piece of the lake which I will donate to the foundation to raise money for their never ending quest to better our lake. It is an honor to be a part of this event. I have never painted live in New Jersey before. So come to the party, stop by my booth, say hi, watch me paint and be a part of the magic. It’s going to be a perfect day!”

Hildebrandt and his late brother Tim are known as the Brothers Hildebrandt, who worked for decades illustrating thousands of books, calendars, posters, comic books, advertisements, movie posters, and more. They became internationally known for the original Star Wars movie poster and the JRR Tolkien Lord of the Rings calendars in the late 1970s. Last year, Hildebrandt donated two items to the Lake Hopatcong Foundation art auction and spoke to those in attendance about his work. For this latest painting, Hildebrandt will choose a historical scene on the lake to paint the day of the block party, which will then be auctioned off at the LHF Silent Auction and Gala on Saturday, July 19 at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club in Mt. Arlington.

The Lake Hopatcong Block Party will bring together local organizations and businesses, live lake demonstrations, antique and craft vendors, food trucks, live entertainment, a children’s area, and more for a day to celebrate all things Lake Hopatcong. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hopatcong State Park on Lakeside Boulevard in Landing, NJ, near the southernmost end of New Jersey’s largest lake.

Those who are interested in being a part of the events, either as a sponsor, a vendor or organization, or as a volunteer should email blockparty@lakehopatcongfoundation.org or learn more about festivities at www.lakehopatcongfoundation.org.

Block party sponsors include: Garrity Graham Murphy Garofalo & Flinn, P.C. Attorneys at Law, Bridge Marina, Lake’s End Marina/DeFeo’s Marina, Lake Hopatcong Racing Association, Marine Max, Highlands State Bank, Berkeley College and Dunkin Donuts. The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission of “improving Lake Hopatcong for all, now and in the years to come.” The Lake Hopatcong Block Party is part of the group’s effort to bring together the four towns and two counties that surround Lake Hopatcong and celebrate as a united community.

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