VIRTUOSOS OF THE OPA EXHIBITION • NEW YORK, NY

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September 17 – October 1, 2015

<u>Thursday, September 17, 2015</u>

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. "Virtuosos of the OPA" Exhibition Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony Location: Salmagundi Club, 47 5th Avenue, NYC - Cocktail attire, please

OPA members and art enthusiasts are invited to attend this highly anticipated event featuring one of the finest collections of representational oil paintings ever assembled. OPA is pleased to have Tim Newton, Chairman of the Board of the Salmagundi Club, serve as the Juror of Awards for this inaugural event. The awards presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 18, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Paint the Big Apple! Location: Washington Square Park, 5th Avenue & Waverly Place

Artists will meet at the famous Washington Square Arch in Washington Square Park at 9:00 a.m. There is plenty to paint in the park but maps and suggested locations will be provided for anyone wishing to venture out to other parts of the city. (Gamsol will be available)

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Dinner at the Salmagundi Club

Location: Salmagundi Club, 47 5th Avenue, NYC Cost: \$34.50 pp (tax & gratuity included – beverages are extra)

Dine with other OPA members at the famous Salmagundi Club restaurant where a set menu has been prepared for OPA members and guests beginning with a salad bar; a main entrée choice of pan seared sea bass filet, blood orange beurre blanc & Moroccan rice; grilled chicken, lemon thyme jus & roasted vegetables; or a vegetarian selection (tbd), dessert & coffee.

7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. An Evening with Everett Raymond Kinstler OPAM

Location: Salmagundi Club, 47 5th Avenue, NYC Cost: *Free of charge to exhibiting artists \$25 per guest*

OPA members and guests will have this rare opportunity to listen to Master Signature artist Everett Raymond Kinstler as he discusses his prolific life as an artist with OPA President Ken Cadwallader OPA and Board Member Jim Bruce OPA. Hear how his art career began and the road he has traveled on his way to becoming one of America's most preeminent and beloved artists.

Saturday, September 19, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Paint the Big Apple! Location: Washington Square Park, 5th Avenue & Waverly Place

Once again, artists should meet at 9:00 a.m. at the archway to check-in before heading out to other parts of the city to paint.

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Dinner at White Oaks Tavern

Location: 21 Waverly Place, New York, NY 10003 Phone: (212) 260-2604

Join other OPA members and guests at White Oaks Tavern which features gourmet burgers, salads & other modern American fare in a casual tavern setting. Separate checks will be issued.

8:00 p.m. Broadway Musical "The Lion King"

Location: Minskoff Theatre, 200 West 45th Street Cost: \$120 - Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis

Broadway.com describes this beloved Disney show as follows:

"With a pulsing spectacle driven by primal African rhythms, unforgettable tunes (including Elton John and Tim Rice's Oscar-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight") and a jaw-dropping display of exotic African wildlife brought to life onstage, there are good reasons why *The Lion King* won a half-dozen Tony Awards in 1998. Intensely physical stage work and countless visual surprises hold your attention from start to finish."

<u>Sunday, September 20, 2015</u>

10:00 a.m. - ??? The Metropolitan Museum of Art's John Singer Sargent Exhibition Location: New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 5th Avenue, New York, NY Cost: \$22

An American artist, Sargent is widely known for his exquisite portraits depicting the Edwardian-age society. This exhibition as described on The Metropolitan Museum of Art's website will "bring together ninety-two of the artist's paintings and drawings of members of his impressive artistic circle. The individuals seen through Sargent's eyes represent a range of leading figures in the creative arts of the time such as artists Claude Monet and Auguste Rodin writers Robert Louis Stevenson and Henry James, and the actor Ellen Terry, among others. The exhibition explores the friendships between Sargent and his artistic sitters, as well as the significance of these relationships to his life and art."

<u>Registration Information</u>

If you plan on coming to any or all of the events above, please RSVP to Kathryn Beligratis at <u>kbeligratis@oilpaintersofamerica.com</u>. Please note, tickets to "The Lion King" are non-refundable so please be absolutely sure your plans are firm before committing to this particular event.

All exhibiting artists can attend the Everett Raymond Kinstler event for free; however, guests must pay the \$25 fee. Please let us know if you and a guest are coming so we can reserve a seat for you.