

THE
HIRAM BLAUVELT
ART MUSEUM

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Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum Presents Rare Wildlife Revealed Traveling Art Exhibition In Partnership with Conserve Wildlife Foundation

Spring unfolds at the Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum, on April 17th as we host artist James Fiorentino's traveling exhibit, "Rare Wildlife Revealed". In partnership with Conserve Wildlife Foundation, the show is creating a buzz across New Jersey, as a "must see" exhibit. Visitors will be greeted with captivating watercolor paintings that truly come alive at first sight. Fiorentino's works feature some of New Jersey's endangered wildlife species, which captured the attention of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation and laid the groundwork for a winning partnership – one capsulized in the accolades from Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum President James Bellis Jr.: "We hope this exhibit will not only inspire but educate everyone who comes through our doors, as you will see our very own Jersey artist pay tribute to some of New Jersey's vulnerable wildlife species."

ABOUT THE ARTIST: *Artist James Fiorentino, Hunterdon County, NJ, has won national acclaim for his ability to create uncanny likenesses of people. The youngest artist ever inducted into the prestigious New York Society of Illustrators, James uses his self-taught watercolor expression to paint some of the most recognized faces in the world, from sports icons and presidents to Nobel Prize winners and CEOs. His award-winning art is showcased in museums, galleries, and private collections across the globe, and his story has been told on national television and in the pages of magazines and newspapers.*

Now, James's trademark detail and realism in watercolor can be seen in his wildlife paintings. The Society of Animal Artists exhibited two of his paintings in the prestigious and highly competitive Art and the Animal show, which was held at the San Diego Natural History Museum in 2011 and at the Bennington Museum in Vermont in 2014. His "Black Vulture" was published in the Society of Illustrators Annual Exhibition, Illustrators 51, and one of his paintings was jury selected for the highly regarded 2014 America's Parks exhibit. James's art was also chosen for the Artists for Conservation annual international show, and he has a traveling exhibition, "Rare Wildlife Revealed," in partnership with the Conserve Wildlife Foundation.

James is a member of the Society of Animal Artists and Artists for Conservation in addition to the American and New Jersey Watercolor Societies and the Salmagundi Club. He also serves as a trustee for The Raptor Trust and D & R Greenway Land Trust, both in New Jersey.

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*The exhibit will be on display from **April 17, 2017 to July, 30, 2017**. For more information about the museum and visitor hours visit: www.blauveltartmuseum.com.*