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4th Annual Portrait Paint-Off Date, EmCee & Painters Announced

CONCORD – On Saturday, March 10th, 2018, ClearWater Artist Studios will host its 4th Annual Sun Drop Pound Cake Portrait Paint-Off in the ClearWater Artist Studios Main Gallery from 3-6pm. All are welcome. The 3-hour, afternoon event usually attracts 200 or so guests to watch painters take blank canvases to finished portraits, in just under 2 hours. Art studios throughout the building will be open with resident artists present, starting at Noon; and the Southern Piedmont Woodturners Association will hold turning demonstrations in their studio (#122).

This year the Emcee will be Charlotte comedian and native, NuffCed, “The Ultimate Host.” He will provide auditory entertainment, call painting times, and compose improvised poetry with help from the audience.

This year’s ‘Featured Painters’ are Felicia van Bork, Arthur Rogers, Todd Baxter, Martha Manco, and ‘Emerging Artist,’ Tucker Fraetis. Additional space to paint at the event in the ‘2nd row,’ is granted to local painters on a 1st-come/ 1st served basis; painters are asked to email the CW Manager in advance to request a spot. During model breaks, artists are called upon to do ‘5-minute Portraits’ of an audience volunteer. Portraiture Show: Paintings by the Featured Painters will be on view in the ‘Featured Painter Portraiture Show’ in ClearWater’s Gallery, that day (March 10) and through April 6.

Details and continual updates, with photos, are provided on the Facebook Event Page, at www.facebook.com/ClearwaterArtistStudios/. Additionally there is an Eventbrite.com page, at which guests can RSVP.

ClearWater Artist Studios hopes the public will attend this free, family-friendly and colorful event designed to stimulate the senses and combine painting, open studios, and woodturning. Free parking is available in several lots around the ClearWater campus.

LOCATION: 223 Crowell Drive NW, Concord, NC 28025.

For more information contact: Sarah Gay, Manager of ClearWater Artist Studios for the City of Concord; 704-784-9535 or clearwatermgr@gmail.com.

Spaces at ClearWater are available to rent for private events. For more info, see www.clearwaterartists.com.