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## **“Ohio Elementary School Honors Pastel Artist for Upcoming School Year”**

Lynn, MA (September 11, 2009) – Artist Jeff Fioravanti is pleased to announce that the Morgan Elementary School in Hamilton, Ohio has honored him as one of six living artists the school will study in their weekly art class for the 2009-2010 school year.

How does an artist from Massachusetts become part of an art class at an elementary school in Ohio?

“As a visual artist with a web site, I receive a number of queries through my contact page” mentioned the artist. “Now the down side to that is you also get a lot of spam and scams, so you have to be skeptical at times when you open up those queries” added Jeff.

“Sometimes though, you get something that is rather unique and special. I’ve gotten contacts from relatives whom I had never met, developed friendships and perhaps the most interesting thus far has been the contact from Ms. Jenna Rahrig, the art teacher at Morgan Elementary” commented Mr. Fioravanti.

“This is my 4th year teaching and I decided 3 years ago to name my tables in my class after an artist” stated Ms. Rahrig.

“I started off using artists such as Picasso, Degas, Pollock etc. The students always asked me if the artists were still alive and I always had to reply with a no. So last year, I taught my 4th grade class about 6 different Ohio Artists since the students study Ohio History in Social Studies” added Jenna.

“This year I decided to combine my "Happy Birthday to the Artist of the Month" bulletin board with my classroom tables. I was looking on the internet and [http://arthistory.about.com/od/artistsbdays/1/bl\\_feb.htm](http://arthistory.about.com/od/artistsbdays/1/bl_feb.htm) when I found Jeff’s name listed” continued the art teacher. “I investigated him and his work further and decided he was the type of artist that I wanted to share with my students.”

Fioravanti, who is listed in "Who's Who in American Art" and “Who’s Who in America,” is a member of several nationally recognized and respected art associations. Possessing signature membership in three of the most prestigious pastel societies in America including, “The Pastel Society of America, New York, NY”, “The Connecticut Pastel Society, Meriden, CT” and “The Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod, Barnstable, MA”, the artist is noted for his common man, evocative and touching treatment of his subjects. He continues to gain notoriety for his series of works featuring the pristine landscapes important to the foundation of our nation including the “Hallowed Ground” of America’s Civil War.

For additional information about the artist, please visit his web site at <http://www.fioravanti-fineart.com>, or contact him via phone at 781-595-5961. Additional information may also be obtained by visiting, A.R.A. Gallery, S. Hamilton, MA, Art 3 Gallery, Manchester, NH, and T.L.G.U.T.S., Lynn, MA.