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MENLO CHARITY HORSESHOW SELECTS BOSTON ARTIST WILLIAM ST. GEORGE AS OFFICIAL ARTIST OF 2005 EVENT

Continues tradition of featuring artists whose works depict horses in art

MENLO PARK, CA - May 25, 2005; Members of the Menlo Charity Horseshow committee announced today that they have selected artist William St. George as the official artist of the 34th annual Menlo Charity Horseshow, benefiting the Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Mr. St. George was selected from a group of eighty artists based on his obvious love of horses which is often reflected in his work. "The selection committee felt there was a natural synergy between Mr. St. George's works and the Menlo Charity horseshow, especially this year's theme, *The Magic of the Horse*, said Grayson Martin, chairman of the art committee. "He genuinely loves and appreciate horses and captures their beauty and spirit in his work," she added.

Mr. St. George is the owner of the St. George Gallery in Boston and a resident of Walpole, Massachusetts. One of Mr. St. George's paintings was chosen by Boston's public television station WGBH as the official artwork for its annual fund-raising auction. Often his works focus on horses, athletes and swimmers as well as landscapes, seascapes and cityscapes. Mr. St. George's love of horses started at a young age when he took a job delivering his hometown newspapers in order to earn money for horseback riding lessons.

His painting "*Lippizaner*" will be featured on the invitations, the cover of the premium book, programs, T-shirts and posters. A print will available for bid at the auction on Friday, August 12th.

The Menlo Charity Horseshow is a 6-day, charitable event beginning August 9th and running through August 14th. Action begins at 8:00 a.m. each show day with classes running simultaneously in three separate rings until approximately 5:00 p.m. This year's event will feature more than 600 internationally ranked equestrians competing in Olympic style jumping. All proceeds raised during the event benefit the Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (PCBVI) in Palo Alto. Founded in 1936, the Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired enables clients to achieve their highest potential through programs that promote independence and improve quality of life. For more information on the Menlo Charity Horseshow, please visit: www.menlohorseshow.org.

The Horseshow began as a neighborhood event and has grown into a world class event, earning the honor of being named the “NorCal Horseshow of the Year” for the past five years. Last year, the 5-day event raised \$420,000 all of which was donated to PCBVI.

For more information on William St. George, please visit: www.stgeorgegallery.com.

About PCBVI:

Founded in 1936 on the conviction that sight loss need never be a barrier to self-reliance, self-esteem, or quality of life, Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is the primary resource in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties for those with severe loss of vision. The Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired enables clients to achieve their highest potential through programs that promote independence and improve quality of life.

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