

PRESS RELEASE

Picturesque: Celebrating the National Parks Service Centennial

October 12, 2016 – January 12, 2017



RCSFA is celebrating the National Park Service's 100th birthday with the opening of a new exhibition, *Picturesque*, at the lobby gallery at 1251 Avenue of the Americas on October 12. This exhibition brings together six artists that took part in the National Park Artist-in-Residence programs. There are more than fifty National Park's artist-in-residency programs throughout the country. Visual artists, writers, musicians, and other creative media artists are granted the unique opportunity to create works of art in the varied natural and cultural settings of our National Parks. In this unique presentation, the exhibit highlights the work of painters; [Kristin Malin](#), [Richard Lindenberg](#), and [Steven Walker](#) and photographers; [Clarence Carvell](#), [Mel Mann](#), and [Jim Schlett](#).

Artists have a long-established tradition as being crucial in the direction of our National Parks. In the 1870, Hudson River School painters captured scenes of the majestic west and publicized these little known natural wonders of the land to eastern residents. This body of work captured the imaginations and hearts of many and helped stimulate the establishment of many of our National Parks. Today's artists continue to thrive in the Parks, documenting and interpreting the resources of the National Park system. These artists translate the Parks' purpose as places of pleasure and preservation into images that bring other people new insights, enjoyment, and understanding of the natural world.

Picturesque, October 12, 2016 – January 12, 2017 is made possible by Mitsui Fudosan America, Hines and RCSFA an art consulting firm that provides exhibition and art advisory services to corporations, museums and historic collections. The gallery at 1251 AoA is located in the lobby of 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 49th & 6th Avenue. It is open to the public M-F: 7 a.m. -7 p.m.