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LIVE WINDOW DISPLAY, ROYAL WEDDING DISCUSSIONS HIGHLIGHT ARTISTS' EXHIBITION AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The Artists of Studio Incamminati Exhibition, April 15-21 at Freeman's Auctioneers & Appraisers, provides the backdrop to a weeklong series of special events ranging from live storefront window painting demonstrations to an insider look at the upcoming royal wedding hosted by nationally known talk-show host Michael Smerconish.

The exhibition, nearly 50 pieces of contemporary realist art, is free to the public. During daytime business hours, Studio Incamminati artists offer live painting demonstrations in Freeman's display windows at 1808 Chestnut St. Inside, a display of rare photographs and letters of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, complement a new portrait of her by Nelson Shanks, Studio Incamminati founder and artistic director. Shanks, and wife Leona, became friends with Diana during the weeks spent in London painting her original official portrait. Diana's portrait features her wearing the ring Prince William gave to Kate Middleton for their engagement.

The special events are highlighted by two events offering a special treat to royal wedding watchers:

Royal Wedding Tribute Reception, Thursday, April 21, 6 p.m., \$50 per person

Michael Smerconish interviews Patrick Jephson, LVO, former chief of staff to Princess Diana; and Nelson Shanks.

WHY THIS?

The Artists of Studio Incamminati Annual Exhibition offers the latest in contemporary realist art and a series of special events including inside looks at the upcoming Royal Wedding.

WHY NOW?

The exhibition runs April 15 – 21 at Freeman's Auctioneers & Appraisers, 1801 Chestnut St. Philadelphia. Ticket events have limited numbers.

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Royal Wedding Tribute Dinner, Thursday, April 21, 7:45 p.m., Patrons and Sponsors only Smerconish, Jephson and Shanks are joined by Her Majesty's Honorary Consul, Oliver St. Clair Franklin, OBE, for even more detailed Royal Wedding discussion.

In addition, the **Exhibition Preview Reception**, Friday, April 15, 5:30 p.m., \$50 per person, features a Live Auction and Artwork Sale and **Nelson Shanks Painting Demonstration**, Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 p.m., \$50 per person, offers the chance to see the world-renowned master painter in action.

All proceeds benefit Studio Incamminati, a non-profit 501(3) (c) organization.

For information: www.StudioIncamminati.org/freemans

For tickets: StudioIncamminati.ticketleap.com/

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Studio Incamminati is a select academy dedicated to the study, practice and spread of contemporary realist art. It is modeled on the traditional European methods featuring master instructors and communal learning, but focused through the philosophy and techniques of Founder and Artistic Director Nelson Shanks. Studio Incamminati, a registered 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, offers a highly selective full-time program as well as numerous workshops and presentations for the general public.