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Colombian Artist to Exhibit Paintings at the Hermitage Museum & Gardens
Sailors' Dreams: Works by Cesar Romero

Norfolk, VA- The Hermitage Museum & Gardens is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibition, [*Sailors' Dreams: Works by Cesar Romero*](#). Romero, renowned Colombian oil painter, will show for the first time in the United States. The exhibition will be on display from August 20th through October 7th. A free public opening reception, featuring live music, cash bar, and the artist himself, will be held Thursday, August 19th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sailors' Dreams features fantastical paintings described by the artist as “a celebration and a festival of color and texture”. Throughout his career, Romero’s work has incorporated nature. This exhibition displays a new series of paintings inspired by marine life in Norfolk and will be a tribute to the sailors.

With his whimsical style full of poetry, Romero plunges into a journey through the depths and mysteries of silence in an aquatic world, inhabited by fanciful creatures. His version of different fish, forms, shape, and movement under the water delight the eye. The exhibition is a universal call to care for this fragile world and save it for future generations.

This exhibition will be interactive with programming such as painting workshops with the artist, educational activities lead by staff from the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, and a lecture by Andean Art Scholar of George Mason University, Michelle Greet.

For more information on the exhibition, *Sailors' Dreams: Works by Cesar Romero*, contact Kate Gebler, Public Programs Manager, at 757-423-2052 x207 or kg@thfm.org.

The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history. The Visual Arts School houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesdays and Thursdays. Free for Museum Members, children under 6, and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5 for Adults, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information on the museum and membership offerings call 757-423-2052 or visit www.thfm.org.

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For high resolution images of sample works by the artist, contact Matt Serino, Marketing Manager, at (757) 423-2052 x208 or ms@thfm.org.