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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW ORLEANS BLOOMIN' DEALS THRIFT STORE SELECTED AS SITE FOR AUDUBON- INSPIRED MURAL BY THE IMAGE HUNTER

Hitnes to paint Audubon-inspired mural September 21 and 22

September 21, 2015, NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) is honored to host Roman painter and muralist, Hitnes, as he paints an Audubon-inspired mural this week on its Bloomin' Deals Thrift Store.

Hitnes, known as The Image Hunter, has embarked on a three-month journey channeling the works of John James Audubon (1785-1851). Accompanied by filmmaker Giacomo Agnetti of the Magic Mind Corporation, Hitnes will travel along Audubon's 1830s exploratory paths to retrace and rediscover the nation that he traversed in the making of his famous book, *The Birds of America*. Louisiana inspired some of Audubon's most memorable images in this landmark work.

"We are honored that Bloomin' Deals has been selected as the site for one of Hitnes' murals," said Shannon Able, JLNO president. "We are delighted to see the final artwork and the beauty it will bring to the vibrant Freret Street neighborhood."

The mural at Bloomin' Deals, located at 4645 Freret Street, will face Valence Street. Hitnes is expected to complete the mural on Tuesday, September 22, weather permitting.

A union through time and space, The Image Hunter seeks to answer the fundamental question of what drives a man to dedicate his life to pursue his obsession for hunting bird images. Hitnes will produce a series of public bird murals during brief emergences from the wilderness into modern American urban capitals. Learn more about Hitnes at www.hitnes.org.

The Junior League of New Orleans is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

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