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AH-TAH-THI-KI MUSEUM DEBUTS *REFLECTIONS ACROSS TIME: SEMINOLE PORTRAITS*

Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, FL. (August 24, 2012) - The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum of the Seminole Tribe of Florida is pleased to debut *Reflections Across Time: Seminole Portraits* September 1 through November 4, 2012. Organized by the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University (FIU) with loaned art from the National Portrait Gallery and the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C., this exhibit will contrast the historical interpretation of Seminole warriors by artists of the past with those of today's Seminole artists. Following the show's duration at Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki, it will be displayed at the Frost Art Museum in Miami, Florida from November 17, 2012 through January 13, 2013.

An opening reception is planned for Thursday, September 6, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and will feature talks by Annette B. Fromm, Curator and Carol Damian, Director of the Frost Art Museum as well as painting demonstrations by living Seminole artists Henehayo (Leroy) Osceola and Elgin Jumper, whose works are included in the exhibition.

Ms. Fromm writes, "*Reflections Across Time: Seminole Portraits* explores topics related to Native American portraiture, specifically focusing upon the Florida Seminole. The center piece is George Catlin's enigmatic portrait of Seminole warrior, or tasthanagi, Osceola, one of the most recognized nineteenth-century Seminole leaders... The exhibit brings together a significant collection of original artwork and ethnographic pieces."

About the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is the tribally owned and operated museum of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Situated in the Everglades on a 66-acre cypress dome on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, the museum offers more than 5,000 square feet of interior gallery space, as well as just over one mile of raised boardwalk. Exhibits feature rare artifacts and lifelike dioramas that depict Seminole life at the turn of the century. In 2009, the museum became the first tribally governed museum to be accredited by the American Association of Museums. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., the museum is located north of Interstate 75 off of Exit 49. For more information, visit www.ahtahthiki.com or call 877-902-1113.

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