

Photographer Captures Legacy of United States During Artist Residency at Gettysburg Battlefield

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, US, August 15, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Nationally acclaimed photographer James Schlett has been selected as the Gettysburg National Military Park Artist in Residence, for August-September. Schlett is a photographer whose visual creativity captures the reflection of history in contemporary context with brutal grace, through photography. His residency will take place Aug 15th, 2018 to Sep 12th, 2018, culminating in a FREE TO THE PUBLIC EVENT at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, on September 8th, 10am-1pm.



Evening Gettysburg Photo by NPAF Resident James Schlett

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After over 30 years working for the U.S. government, Mr. Schlett discovered his newfound, urgent passion for photography. His photographs have been published in a number of high profile venues such as the Washington Post, Reston Magazine, Fairfax Times, and he has been exhibited in galleries and art shows, and won numerous competitive awards. Of note is that one of his images was displayed in the "Art Takes Times Square" Exhibition in New York City in June 2012.

During his tenure as Artist-in-Residence, Schlett will totally immerse himself in the experience on a 24/7 basis for

several weeks. He often uses the first few and last few hours of sunlight to capture the most delicate moments of light, which often provides the best final images. He employs digital imaging to enhance his work with various software packages, in the same way "darkrooms" were used historically.

About the residency, Schlett is fairly vocal in his enthusiasm: "I don't believe there are any other artistic opportunities that compare to this unique program. I welcome this chance to share my images and knowledge with the the park visitors and staff."

This Artist-in-Residency program is made possible by a joint effort of the Gettysburg Foundation and non-profit The National Park Arts Foundation, with support from the National Park Service.

Through a legacy of artists, the program aims to connect visitors and the Gettysburg community to the park in a novel and compelling way, to inspire the preservation of our shared cultural heritage and the immortalizing these great touchstones in American history.

“Gettysburg National Military Park has offered inspiration to artists for more than 150 years,” said Christopher Gwinn, Chief of Interpretation at Gettysburg National Military Park. “The Artist-in-Residence program engages new audiences and tells Gettysburg’s stories in new and compelling ways.”



Sunset Memorial by NPAF Resident James Schlett

Public Presentation:

James Schlett: Artist in Residence Public EVENT

'Photography captures our National Legacy'

Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, September 8th, 10am-1pm.

Gettysburg National Military Park preserves, protects and interprets for this and future generations the resources associated with the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, during the American Civil War, the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and their commemorations.

The National Parks Arts Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to the promotion of the National Parks of the U.S. by creating dynamic opportunities for artworks that are based in our natural and historic heritage. This project is supported by the Gettysburg Foundation and other generous benefactors. All NPAF programs are made possible through the philanthropic support of donors ranging from corporate sponsors and small businesses, to art patrons and citizen-lovers of the parks.

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