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For Immediate Release

Charles R. Knight – The Artist Who Saw Through Time Book Talk and Signing with author Richard Milner at the Staten Island Museum

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Staten Island Museum, 75 Stuyvesant Place, Staten Island, NY 10301

Price: Free with Museum Admission

(Staten Island, NY – October, 2012) You may not recognize his name, but you will definitely be familiar with his artwork. Brooklyn-born wildlife artist Charles R. Knight (1874-1953) spent a lifetime creating some of the first paintings and sculptures of dinosaurs, mammoths, and cavemen that were both spectacularly beautiful and scientifically accurate. Learn more about this iconic artist at the illustrated lecture and book signing at the **Staten Island Museum on Saturday, October 27 at 2:00pm** with author Richard Milner and publisher Harry Abrams. Free with Museum admission.

Charles R. Knight – The Artist Who Saw Through Time, by Richard Milner is a richly illustrated celebration of Knight's life and work, including a definitive and dramatic new biography based on his private papers. The book gathers together both famous and never-before-seen works from his days of sketching animals in the newly opened Bronx Zoo to the decades spent creating murals of prehistoric species for the American Museum of Natural History in New York and the Field Museum in Chicago.

Knight's work includes not only long-vanished creatures but also a veritable catalog of modern birds and beasts sketched from life. His scientifically accurate restorations, bringing dry fossil bones to life, has inspired and influenced generations of scientists, artists, and filmmakers.

"A visual feast...this beautiful book embodies the magnificent legacy of Knight's passion for seeking truth about nature through art." -Michael Novecek, Provost of Science and Curator of Paleontology, American Museum of Natural History

"Charles R. Knight, the most celebrated of artists in the reanimation of fossils, painted all the canonical figures of dinosaurs that fire our fear and imagination to this day." -- Stephen Jay Gould

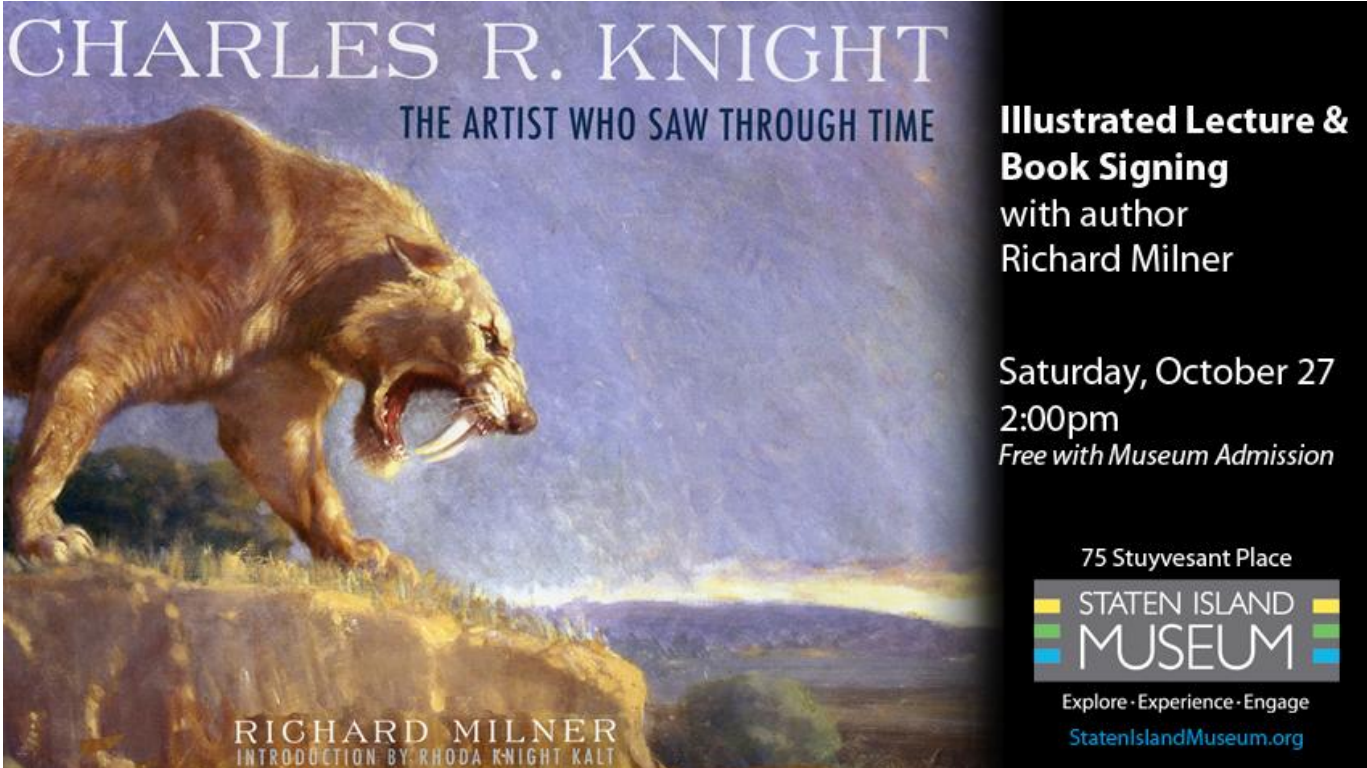
About the author

Richard Milner is an author, anthropologist, and lyricist whose books include: "Darwin's Universe: Evolution from A to Z," "The Encyclopedia of Evolution," and "The Last Human." An editor at Natural History magazine at the American Museum of Natural History, his articles have appeared in Scientific American and the Journal of the Linnean Society of London, of which he is a Fellow. His television appearances include The History Channel, Animal Planet, Nova, Discovery Channel, and CSPAN2-Book TV. He has performed his popular one-man show "Charles Darwin: Live & In Concert" throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, and in Darwin's beloved Galapagos Islands. Visit Richard's website at www.darwinlive.com.

Charles R. Knight at the Museum

This season the Staten Island Museum and Knight's Granddaughter, Mrs. Rhoda Knight Kalt, invite you to enjoy **Snowbound**, the artist's most famous and most published depiction of early man. The oil painting is on display as part of the *Lenape: The First Staten Islanders* exhibition.

In addition, selected Knight drawing studies of various sea creatures will be found in the *Hall of Natural Science*, also on loan by Mrs. Knight Kalt.



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INTRODUCTION BY RHODA KNIGHT KALT

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About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 130th year, the Staten Island Museum, New York City's only general interest museum, engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history based on its diverse collections. The Museum welcomes about 80,000 adults and school children to a comprehensive array of programs every year. Located two blocks from the Ferry Terminal, visitors can embark on a voyage through time in the Staten Island Ferry exhibit; see rocks glow in the dark in the Hall of Natural Sciences; and experience the lives of Staten Island's first inhabitants. In Building H on the Snug Harbor Campus, visitors can explore the latest exhibitions in the History Center Gallery, or make a research appointment for the History Archives & Library. Staten Island Museum is owned by the City of New York and benefits from public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. For current exhibitions, visit StatenIslandMuseum.org

Visitor Information

Staten Island Museum (St. George)

75 Stuyvesant Place

Hours:

History Center & Archives

1000 Richmond Terrace, Snug Harbor, Bldg H

Hours:

Monday – Friday: 11:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Universal Accessibility

Recommended Admission

Adults \$3.
Students & Seniors \$2.
Members & Children under 12 FREE

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00pm – 4:00pm
By appointment only.
Contact Cara Dellatte at 718.483.7122

History Gallery Hours

Tuesday – Friday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
FREE