



Artist Noah Bounds

Artist for 2015 TBLA - Bass Unlimited Poster Announced

Each year for the past thirteen years, the Toledo Bend Lake Association (TBLA) has sponsored a poster as part of its annual Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter fundraiser. These posters have become collectors' items and are a highlight of the events surrounding the banquet and poster unveiling gala.

This year Noah Bounds of Blanchard, Louisiana, is the artist commissioned to create the 2015 Bass Unlimited Poster for the Toledo Bend Lake Association. Wildlife has always been a love of Artist Bounds. He uses acrylics, but describes himself as a watercolor artist. Because the smooth, vivid colors of acrylics are easily watered down, they give much the same effect of watercolors. He uses multiple glazes and layers to get depth and mood in his paintings. His other favorite medium is India ink as he loves the effects he can get from the ink—it works much like pencil sketching. With the ink, he is able to shade almost exactly the same way he can with pencils. He has recently started working with some mixed media—mixing India ink with acrylics to capture a higher level of detail in his paintings in less time.

Artist Bounds began working with Don Edwards, owner of Nature's Art Gallery and artist of the 2011 Bass Unlimited poster, when he was ten years old. He has spent a lot of time with Mr. Edwards trying to perfect his art, and Mr. Edwards has mentored and encouraged Artist Bounds into advancing his art into more than a hobby. Artist Bounds credits Mr. Edwards with connecting him with other artists who have helped him get where he is today. Other artists with whom he has worked include John Seerey-Lester, a well-known wildlife artist; Kobus Moller, a wildly abstract nature painter; and Carl Pieter Brest van Kempen, a stylistic painter.

Artist Bounds' awards are many and varied. He won best of show in the Louisiana Junior Duck Stamp in 2012, 2013, and 2014; placed in the NRA Youth Art Contest in 2011, 2012, and 2013; and was among the top 25 finalists for the 2015 Louisiana River Arts show. He is currently attending LSU Shreveport where he is working towards a bachelor's degree in digital arts.

The Poster Unveiling is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015, in the Grand Ballroom at Cypress Bend Resort on beautiful Toledo Bend Lake. Poster sponsors, Bernie and Beth Sloane of Opelousas, Louisiana, along with Artist Bounds will be attending this function where he will personalize the numbered and signed posters. The sponsors and artist also plan to attend the Bass Unlimited Banquet and

Auction on Friday, April 17, 2015. The unveiling event is open to the public and has no admission charge.

The 2015 Bass Unlimited Poster can be ordered now. Unframed posters sell for \$20 each and framed posters sell for \$40 each. They will be available for pick up at the Poster Unveiling. To order your poster, send a check or money order to the address shown below. Make checks payable to Bass Unlimited of TBLA: Order forms are available online at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.

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For Bass Unlimited Poster collectors who want to add the same numbered poster to their collection, indicate on your check the poster number you want to reserve for pick-up after the Unveiling. Collector-specific numbers are guaranteed available until Monday, March 23, 2015. If you would like your poster personalized, enclose a note with the wording to be used.

Unframed posters from 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2014 are still available. They may be viewed on line at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com. The cost is \$15 each. To have posters mailed, add \$8 to the cost of the poster(s) to cover shipping and handling, regardless of how many posters you order.

The Toledo Bend Lake Association is made up of citizens dedicated to improving the quality of Toledo Bend Lake and the amenities surrounding it. TBLA provides financial and/or volunteer assistance to promote stewarding the environment and aquatic integrity of the Lake to perpetuate it as a world class fishery and recreational resource area. The Association is a non-profit organization and has no political affiliations with any state or federal agency.

The Bass Unlimited –Back A Great Fighter Poster, Banquet and Auction is the Association's only fundraiser. For more information about TBLA Bass Unlimited or pre-paying for a poster and having your poster personalized and ready for immediate pickup after the Unveiling Auction, contact the Poster Coordinator at 318-590-0599, or go to www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.