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## Bubbles, Michael Jackson's Former Chimp, Really Does Paint!

Art Exhibition Opening Reception on July 21, 2017

Miami, June 14, 2017 - After great success at Art Basel 2012, the paintings by Michael Jackson's former chimpanzee, Bubbles, and many others will be on display for 10 days at Frames USA & Art Gallery in Miami. The opening reception will be on July 21, 2017 from 6pm-10pm where the public can view and purchase a very unique piece of original ape art.

"Purchasing a piece of original art by apes is a collectible. It creates conversation, it is a form of expression, and it is rare", Adam Brand says, owner of Frames USA. "Not to mention that the proceeds from the sales of the art will go to an amazing cause."

Over the years, zoos and sanctuaries have dabbled into selling artwork at their gift shops by resident animals to raise money. However, the purpose of this art show, *Apes that Paint*, extends beyond that. It seeks to establish the fact that apes are artists without judgment and second that these ape artists are contributing to the fundraising efforts for The Center for Great Apes, located in Wauchula, Florida.

Aside from artworks from our star artist Bubbles, the exhibition will host other wonderful original pieces from celebrity apes. Among them, the art of chimpanzees from *Planet of the Apes*, and orangutans from the movie *Going Apes*, and NBC's soap opera *Passions*. The crowd will enjoy complimentary food and wine sponsored by Carolina Ale House and a limited-edition gift with their RSVP to the event. Those interested in free admission and gift can RSVP at [www.framesusamiami.com](http://www.framesusamiami.com) by July 18.

The community is encouraged to experience this unique art show and take a piece home that will marvel friends and family, and learn about a sanctuary that helps protect chimpanzee and orangutans.

### **About Frames USA**

Frames USA & Art Gallery is a 5 star rated picture frame shop in Miami, Florida, serving the area since 1994. They offer picture framing and glass repairs for photos, diplomas, sports jerseys, art, collectibles, and much more..."You Name It...They Frame It." Apes that Paint art will be exhibited in the art gallery area of the shop. Parking is free and all ages are welcome. Frames USA & Art gallery is located at 6822 sw 40th street Miami, FL 33155

### **About the Center for Great Apes**

The Center for Great Apes provides a permanent sanctuary for orangutans and chimpanzees that have been rescued or retired from the entertainment industry, from research, or from the exotic pet trade.