



Artist Eddie Pastureau displays two of his realistic artworks—the tiger and a plantation home.

## Artist for 2016 TBLA's Bass Unlimited – Back a Great Fighter Poster Announced

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

This year Eddie Pastureau of Toledo Bend, is the artist commissioned to create the 2016 Bass Unlimited – Back a Great Fighter Poster for the Toledo Bend Lake Association. Artist Pastureau describes his work as representation and realistic. He paints landscapes, portraits, animals, and still lifes, but enjoys the challenge of most any topic or object. He works in water colors and oils mostly, but has also done a number of pencil drawings.

Most of Artist Pastureau's work is on a commission basis. His works have been displayed in restaurants, banks, and galleries in the New Orleans area. He displayed and worked in Studio D'Artiste Gallery in the New Orleans French Quarter, and because of the wide variety in the traffic of clients in the Gallery, his artwork is now in homes in many U.S. States, across Europe, Japan, and Australia. His work has not been limited to portraits and landscapes, however. He has also painted backdrops and theater sets for St. John Community Theater in Reserve, La., and Loyola University in New Orleans.

Artist Pastureau considers his talent a God-given talent that he recognized at a very young age. He was born and raised in Edgard, Louisiana, a small rural community on the banks of the Mississippi River in St. John Parish. He and his wife, Gina, have four children. After he graduated from LSU with a degree in art education he taught art, history, geography, and coached baseball at Edgard High for seven years, worked for National Airlines as a ramp agent in freight for four years, and spent the rest of his working years as an industrial mechanic for DuPont chemical in LaPlace, La. Upon retirement, he and his wife built a home on Toledo Bend near North Toledo Bend State Park. He has been fishing the lake since 1972 and it was a dream of his to live on the lake after retirement. His addiction to fishing has been rewarded—he now fishes at least 1-2 hours almost every day. Just like with art, trying to catch fish is a humbling and never-ending learning experience.

To pay back the talent God gave him with his art, he teaches private art classes to children and adults while in the area. He compares both art and fishing to the simple things in life where he can witness and experience, in relative security and peace, the world God has granted us no matter who we are and at no cost, contract, or yearly fee. He says, "As I've aged, simpler, slower, and more peaceful has been the direction traveled and I am so-o-o thankful for that.

The Poster Unveiling is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016, in the Grand Ballroom at Cypress Bend Resort on beautiful Toledo Bend Lake. Kyle Martinez, a representative of the poster sponsor, Interstate Building Materials of Many, Louisiana, along with Artist Pastureau 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 – Back a Great Fighter Banquet and Auction on Friday, April 15, 2016. The unveiling event is open to the public and has no admission charge. Light refreshments will be served and a cash bar is available.

The first numbered framed poster as well as the framed original artwork from which the poster was created will be auctioned by Professional Auctioneer Kevin McDonald, beginning at 7:30 p.m. In addition to this year's poster, items that are auctioned will include two (2) pieces of original art by previous Bass Unlimited artists—Noah Bounds and Ron Kidwell.

The 2016 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 TBLA: Order forms are available online at [www.toledobendlakeassociation.com](http://www.toledobendlakeassociation.com).

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For Bass Unlimited – Back a Great Fighter 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 Thursday, March 24, 2016. If you would like your poster personalized, enclose a note with the wording you would like.

Unframed posters from 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 are still available. They may be viewed on line at [www.toledobendlakeassociation.com](http://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 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 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](http://www.toledobendlakeassociation.com).

Banquet tickets are also available and can be obtained by contacting Gaynell Goodeaux at 318-256-0501 or Dayna Yeldell at 318-315-1002. Tickets must be purchased prior to the banquet—no tickets will be sold at the door—and admission will be open to ticketed patrons only.