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ACCLAIMED 'GRAND SLAM' GOLF ARTIST STEVE LOTUS TO BE AT THE 2024 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP SIGNING POSTERS AND PRINTS OF HIS NEW COMMISSIONED PAINTING OF VALHALLA'S FAMED 13TH HOLE

FRANKFORT, IL.

Chicago native, artist Steve Lotus, (aka. Dr. Steven Lotysz), official artist for 3 previous major championships held at Valhalla Golf Club, and 50 overall, has created a new painting depicting an early morning scene of Valhalla's stunning 13th hole with its legendary island green and newly renovated natural limestone cliffs with trickling waterfalls, for the 2024 PGA Championship.

Lotus will be at the event in the gallery area of the PGA Merchandise Tent for 4 days, Thursday thru Sunday, offering fans free signing and personalizing of purchased prints and posters of his painting.

Louisville golf fans may recall Lotus's work since this will be the 4th time the artist has been commissioned to paint for a major championship held at Valhalla. His other 3 commissions include the 2014 PGA won by Rory McIlroy, the 2011 Senior PGA won by Tom Watson and the 2008 Ryder Cup won by TEAM USA.

A Chicago native, former dentist, avid golfer with a single digit handicap and internationally awardwinning landscape artist, Lotus combined two of his passions – golf and painting – to become one of the sport's preeminent artists.

Commissioned artist for all four of golf's major championships, Lotus has become recognized as one of golf's premier artists. He has produced a series of paintings, prints and posters that depict some of the world's finest courses including St Andrews, Augusta National, Royal Liverpool, and Whistling Straits.

This will be his 25th PGA Championship commission and he will reach another milestone in July when he takes part in his 50th major golf event – the 152nd British Open at Royal Troon Golf Club in Ayrshire, Scotland. With these recent commissions Lotus will achieve a milestone of painting for 50 professional golf majors, including the last 10 British Opens, the last 25 PGA Championships, the last four U.S. Ryder Cups, four Masters, the U.S. Open and multiple senior major championships.

As an artist specializing in golf landscapes, his career has taken him and, his wife of 47 years, Sue, to 14 states and three foreign countries over 30 the past years More than a traveling partner, Sue is also the business manager of Lotus Golf Art, taking care of all of the logistics involved in producing, framing, and packaging Steve's golf art prints and posters for major golf tournaments.

Steve's <u>inspiring path to success</u> includes being a cancer survivor, working as a prominent dentist by day, and satisfying his love of painting by night. He credits God for his artistic talent and a hard-work ethic instilled by his Ukrainian immigrant parents for his having led a fulfilling life.

If you are interested in interviewing Steve Lotus you can contact him by calling 815-685-7814 or by emailing him at <u>steve@stevelotus.com</u>.

Please visit Lotus' website <u>www.stevelotus.com</u> to see more of his golf related painting images, a detailed biography with anecdotes, a tournament commission history and a "Lotysz" painting award history. Steve's images of Augusta National Golf Club can also be found on the Masters website <u>www.masters.com Steve Lotus Art Collection</u>