

Nicholas Petrucci
Continuing the Legacy . . .
Portraits & Commissioned Paintings

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International Artexpo New York
Nicholas Petrucci Wins Green Artist Challenge -
Best Environmental Message – Painting

NEW YORK, NY – International Artexpo New York and renowned artist and conservation advocate **Wyland** – www.Wyland.com -- awarded Naples, Florida, painter Nicholas Petrucci the top Green Artist Challenge 2009 award for Best Environmental Message – Painting. The honor was for his outstanding depictions of environmental icons, including Primatologist **Jane Goodall**, Ph. D., (6' x 4' Oil on Board) Everglades Photographer and Conservationist **Clyde Butcher**, (6' x 4' Oil on Board) and ILCP Fellow and Conservation Photographer **Connie Bransilver** of Naples (31" x 27" Oil on Canvas). The Green Artist Challenge 2009 was a first-time competition among attendees of International Artexpo New York to create artworks with environmental themes and the use of art to foster an interest in the environment.

The competition was the culmination of a series of events to foster a closer relationship between the art industry and the environment. "Many of the artists who competed in the challenge demonstrated a wide range of interests and concerns for our environment," said Wyland, a Laguna Beach, California-based artist, known for his Whaling Wall marine life murals around the world. "What was most impressive was the ability of the artists to produce beautiful art, but also to promote a message of environmental balance and sustainability. Hopefully, this will inspire more artists to innovate with a green way of thinking."

Nicholas Petrucci's Rembrandt-style classical oil portraits were said to be "the heartbeat of the show." **International Artexpo New York, Feb. 26 – Mar. 2, 2009**, is the world's largest popular fine art fair. Now in its 31st year, Artexpo New York showcases exciting artworks from over 500 artists, galleries and publishers from around the world. Outstanding among them was, in addition to Wyland and Petrucci, **Jane Seymour**, star of film and television, who said Nicholas Petrucci's paintings were "magnificent."

Sweet Art Gallery, Naples, Florida, is hosting a one-night reception and viewing on Friday, April 10, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at 2054 Trade Center Way for friends and supporters of Nicholas Petrucci who were unable to travel to New York for the 5-day show. The reception is open to the public.

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Nicholas not only LIVES conservation and "green" in his life and in his work, but he also chooses to paint those icons of conservation who are the trend-makers of the environmental movement.

Artist Nicholas Petrucci shows his commitment to a greener world with his portraits. His two main commissioned portraits at ArtExpo New York, February 26 – March 2, 2009, are as Green as Green can get.

Petrucci's 6 x 4 ft. commissioned portrait of **Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE**, was created to help celebrate **Goodall's** scientific research and commitment to conservation. Her research with chimpanzees at Gombe Stream in Tanzania, begun in 1960, changed science forever.

2010 is **Jane Goodall's** 50th Year Anniversary Celebration. Visit her site:

www.JaneGoodall.com. **Jane selected Nicholas to do her portrait because of their shared commitment to a safe, sane, gentle and greener world.** Please visit Nicholas' web site www.NicholasPetrucci.com to see his commitment to people who, like Jane, make this a better, more livable planet.

Nicholas Petrucci's 6 x 4 ft. commissioned portrait of **Clyde Butcher of the Everglades** received a standing ovation at the official unveiling January 21st. Clyde's life and work is committed to conservation of our unique wetland habitat, the entire Everglades ecosystem (basically, all of south Florida). Clyde's medium is large format black and white photography to tell the story of the 'Glades. He and Nicholas are of one mind: conservation, and reaching people by showing them beauty. Please see Clyde's web site: www.ClydeButcher.com. A video of Nicholas Petrucci's unveiling of Clyde Butcher's portrait can be seen at www.NicholasPetrucci.com, then click on INFORMATION and NEWS.

Other portraits on display in Nicholas Petrucci's Booth #408 are less directly identifiable as 'green', but the portrait of "**The Patriot c. 1942**" is of his wife, **Connie Bransilver**, a woman entirely devoted to conservation, a leader in conservation photography, and a person who has, with a team from Duke University and a grant from the National Geographic Society, discovered a new species of lemur in Madagascar and worked to conserve the species, the habitat and improve the lot of the people living there. Check www.ConnieBransilver.com for her current work.

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Wyland presenting First Place trophy for Best Environmental Message to Nicholas Petrucci of Naples, Florida