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Joshua Spies Art Raises \$3400 for Safari Club International

(Drayton Valley, Alberta, CA) - Artwork donated by international award-winning artist, Joshua Spies, recently raised \$3400 during the 3rd Annual Safari Club International - Drayton Valley Chapter Fundraising Banquet held September 24 at the MacKenzie Conference Center in Drayton Valley.

Part of the money raised from the auction goes to the Safari Club International's Canada Foundation, which provides conservation, wildlife education, and humanitarian programs around the world.

"SCI's mission of protecting hunters' rights and promoting wildlife conservation are very close to my heart," Spies said. "I'm happy to be able to help them carry out that mission."

Spies donated 2 prints: "Monashee Mountain Goat," which sold for \$900 and "Vantage Point," which sold for \$2,500.

"The SCI - Drayton Valley Chapter has been delighted to include Joshua Spies breathtaking artwork in our fundraising banquet auction program over the last 3 years. The Giclees we have offered our banquet guests have been warmly welcomed; some have now added more than one of Joshua's pieces to their art collection," Paula Mahan, SCI - Drayton Valley Chapter Banquet Coordinator / Humanitarian Chair said. "Joshua's artwork is a welcome and anticipated addition to our banquet and we are most appreciative for the support Joshua provides not only to our Chapter but to SCI International as a whole through his donation program".

To view or purchase these and other Joshua Spies' prints, please visit www.JoshuaSpies.com. If you would like to learn more about Safari Club International Canada, visit www.sci-canada.ca.

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About Joshua Spies:

Joshua Spies is an international award-winning artist from Watertown, South Dakota. He earned his fine arts degree at South Dakota State University and has traveled the world observing and photographing wildlife. Joshua

has been a finalist in the Federal Duck Stamp competition five times and won the competition in 2008. The fall 2006 Wildlife Art Magazine named Joshua one of the top 16 wildlife artists, and Dallas Safari Club announced Joshua Spies as the winner of their prestigious 2007 Artist of the Year. Joshua's most recent award was being named the 2011 Safari Club International Artist of the Year. A dedicated conservationist, Joshua is a life member of the Foundation for Wild Sheep, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pheasants Forever, Safari Club International, Ducks Unlimited, Dallas Safari Club, and ISHA. He is also a member of Grand Slam Club, Whitetails Unlimited, Mule Deer Foundation, Delta Waterfowl, and the NRA.