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**Subject:** 48TH RBC HERITAGE PRESENTED BY BOEING CHAMPION PORTRAIT  
UNVEILED AT THE ART LEAGUE OF HILTON HEAD

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**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., Monday, November 14, 2016** — The portrait of the 48<sup>th</sup> RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing champion, Branden Grace, was unveiled to sports and history enthusiasts of South Carolina at the Art League Gallery in the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina. The original oil painting of Grace was painted by esteemed artist, West Fraser.

"It is tradition for the RBC Heritage to honor each champion of the tournament through an original portrait that is housed in the Harbour Town Clubhouse," said Steve Wilmot, RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing tournament director. "Grace's painting will be presented and featured first at the Art League of Hilton Head Gallery for everyone to see."

Grace's portrait is Fraser's 29<sup>th</sup> signature champion portrait in RBC Heritage history, having begun his partnership in 1988. Prior to Fraser, the portraits were done by nationally-recognized artist Coby Whitmore.

"The Art League of Hilton Head promotes and supports visual arts through exhibitions, education and partnerships for the cultural enhancement of the community and our visitors," said Janice Gray, Art League of Hilton Head President. "We are thrilled to be showcasing the portrait for the third year in a row for our visitors and residents. What better venue to feature the exhibit than the Art League Gallery, the focus for all that is entertaining, moving and wonderful in the arts and at the heart of Hilton Head Island, home of the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing."

"The tournament is proud of its champions, some of the most distinguished players in golf's history and we are so proud of this signature portrait," Wilmot added. "We thank West Fraser for his dedication to contribute to the history of the RBC Heritage."

For more information on the 49<sup>th</sup> annual RBC Heritage taking place April 10-16, 2017 over the famed Harbour Town Golf Links, call Tournament Headquarters at 843-671-2448 or visit [www.rbcheritage.com](http://www.rbcheritage.com).

## RBC Heritage | Hilton Head SC - Harbour Town Golf Links

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The RBC Heritage is South Carolina's only PGA golf tournament. The Heritage is held annually at Harbour Town Link Golf course on Hilton Head Island

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**About Heritage Classic Foundation:** The Heritage Classic Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving lives throughout the state of South Carolina. As the general sponsor of the PGA TOUR's RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing, millions of dollars generated from ticket sales and sponsorships are distributed to charitable organizations that enhance the quality of life for our citizens. Since it was founded as a 501 (c)(3) in 1987, the Foundation has donated close to \$34 million to people in need. For more information, call (843) 671-2448, visit [www.heritageclassicfoundation.com](http://www.heritageclassicfoundation.com) or Facebook (Heritage Classic Foundation) and Twitter (@HCFGolf).

PHOTOS ATTACHED:

Artist West Fraser unveiling portrait with his brother Heritage Classic Foundation Chairman Simon Fraser

Artist West Fraser, RBC Heritage Tournament Director Steve Wilmot and Heritage Classic Foundation Chairman Simon Fraser

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