

## **Pay It Forward**

### **Sale of Famous French Artist's Paintings to Benefit Wounded Veterans**

By Dina Eliash Robinson

Internationally renowned French painter **Jean Pierre Rousseau** has instructed us to sell more than 150 of his artworks (originally valued at over a million dollars) and donate the proceeds to the treatment and rehabilitation of wounded veterans and their care-givers. Rousseau describes his generous gesture as a long overdue payment of an “unredeemable debt.” In his words: *“This is a belated expression of my gratitude to an earlier generation of American troops who liberated Paris in World War II—the memory of which is etched in my childhood memory.”*

Having launched his career under the patronage of Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco—whose heir, Prince Albert, continues the tradition as his current royal patron—Rousseau has gained fame as both a bold and versatile artist and an adventurous seafarer who sailed around the world several times.

Jean-Pierre Rousseau's paintings evoke a contemporary form of French Impressionism —albeit with more dramatic and muscular brushstrokes, more vivid colors and a near-endless versatility of subjects. The latter range from misty Parisian and Venetian waterscapes reminiscent of J. M. W. Turner, to kinetic Can-Can dancers, masked Carnival revelers, *Formula One* car races, nude beauties, boats at anchor and on high seas, graceful ballet troupes, mother-and-child portraits and religious paintings—many of which he created for, and donated to churches he visited during his travels.

JPR's works have been sold and exhibited throughout Europe, North and South America and elsewhere, and can be found in museums, collections of several European royal palaces, celebrities' homes, 5-star hotels and the headquarters of global corporations.

The descendant of an old, aristocratic family, Jean-Pierre Rousseau was born in Paris in 1939, graduated from law school but almost immediately traded his law books for palette, paints, canvas and the life of a dedicated artist. At this time, due to health problems that interfere with his mobility, he is mostly retired. Although the fires of curiosity and passion for life, while banked, are still burning and his eyes continue to translate the world around him into paintings he still hopes to make.

**In the meantime, since purchase prices are both tax-deductible (as allowed by IRS laws) and adjusted to more affordable levels, Jean-Pierre Rousseau's paintings could be considered excellent investments, as well as enjoyable additions to one's home and/or workplace décor.**

The sale event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, 2017, both days from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Events Center in Mission Valley, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego 92108. Phone: (619) 291-2506.

For questions and additional information, email [dinatalk@gmail.com](mailto:dinatalk@gmail.com).

The following is your link to the album of Jean-Pierre Rousseau artwork, which will be on sale.  
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