

THE ARTS



Patrick Milbourn

New Film, Launch and Benefit for Thomas Cole Historic Site

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, the Thomas Cole Historic site will premiere a new short film and Web site about the artist Thomas Cole, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Admission to the event is free and first-come-first-served.

The 12-minute film will explore Thomas Cole's approach to landscape painting and his search for picturesque views in the Hudson Valley region, incorporating Cole's own words as narration.

Thomas Cole (1801-1848) was the famed painter and founding father of the Hudson River School of Painting whose works influenced generations of later American artists including Asher Durand, Frederic Church, John Kensett, Jasper Cropsey and George Inness—and inspired countless modern-day interpreters of the Hudson River and surrounding Catskill Mountains.

The film and Web site premiere event will take place at 4 pm at Catskill's historic Community Theatre located at 373 Main Street and will be shown in the visitor center at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site starting May 2.

Following the premiere, M Gallery will host a free benefit reception and exhibition with a portion of the proceeds from all paintings sold going to the Thomas Cole House. Artist Patrick Milbourn will also unveil a new limited edition fine arts giclée, which will be offered for sale on the Thomas Cole Web site starting on April 18 as well as in the gallery located at 350 Main Street in Catskill.

The events take place during "Saturday Studios" sponsored by the Catskill Gallery Association. All member galleries will be hosting events along Main Street and in the village from 4 to 8 pm, featuring special exhibitions of contemporary and historic Hudson River painters.

More information about the film is available at www.thomascole.org. To purchase artwork, visit www.mgallery-online.com. For a schedule of galleries participating in this event, visit www.catskillgalleryassociation.com. Further information is available at the Thomas Cole Historic Site, 518 943 7465, or at M Gallery, 518 943 0380.