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### **LaMantia Gallery Hosts Artist Erich Paulsen's First U.S. Visit and One-Man Show**

**Free reservation-only event on May 15 from 7–9 p.m. and May 16 from 3–5 p.m.**

**NORTHPORT, NY, May 1** – In response to the growing quest for original artwork for investment and as “spiritual comfort food” during this emotionally draining economic crisis, LaMantia Gallery has announced a landmark event to introduce highly collected artist Erich Paulsen to the U.S. on May 15 and 16. Devotées of all art genres are invited to meet the 77-year-old palette knife master on his first-ever American visit and view 30 new pieces created exclusively for this wall-to-wall, one-man show. Paulsen’s art is owned and prized by museums and private collectors around the world.

A translator will be on-hand to communicate inquiries to the German-speaking artist regarding his artistic muse, creative style and unique techniques. Reservations are required by May 7 for this free event, as space is limited.

Gallery co-owners James LaMantia and Robert Bluver began featuring Paulsen four years ago, based on recommendations from like-minded galleries around the country that share their belief in the emotional impact of art. They soon witnessed a fast-growing base of collectors experiencing an “off the charts emotional attachment” to Paulsen’s extraordinarily textured, well-proportioned signature subjects – European landscapes, sailboats, harbor scenes, and classic bridges. That’s when they decided to invite the painter to visit Northport for an up-close-and-personal opportunity to meet his followers and make new fans.

In addition to mastering the challenges of the palette knife technique to create brilliant textures, Paulsen is also regarded as a talented colorist. According to Mr. Bluver, “He has a way of balancing colors. It’s beautiful how he uses a lot of blues and greens and colors in that family, and then hits the middle of a painting with yellow, adding another dimension. And his sense of perspective and proportion make everything look so real.”

The 30 new works Paulsen is bringing to LaMantia Gallery are for sale at the exhibition. Buyers will receive personalized keepsakes, including the artist’s signature on the back of each purchased piece, a photograph taken with the artist, and a surprise gift from the gallery. As a further gesture of appreciation, the gallery will reserve hotel rooms for serious collectors. Out-of-town purchasers who come to the event may also be eligible for a travel expense credit.

According to Mr. Bluver, “Clients tell us that the simpler things in life – a glass of good wine, soft jazz and pleasing original artwork – are their preferred antidote to stress. That’s why we’ve designed this special Erich Paulsen-dedicated event as a blend of great art, delicious hors d’oeuvres and excellent wine, and relaxing background music. We want the experience of meeting the artist face-to-face to be delightful for seasoned Paulsen fans and an eye-opener for anyone who collects other types of art.”

### **About LaMantia Gallery**

Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, LaMantia Gallery is located at 127 Main Street in the heart of the charming village of Northport on Long Island, New York 11768. The gallery represents an array of international artists’ original oils, embellished giclées, and a variety of graphics. In addition to Erich Paulsen, featured artists include Thomas Arvid, Brian Davis, Guy Dessapt, Edward Gordon, Fabian Perez, Ford Smith, Gerhard Nesvadba, Mattini, Hessam, Kinkade, Pino, Jan Saia, Guinther, Godard, Sannino, Nobu Haihara, Sam Park, Garmash. The gallery also carries a selection of traditionally framed mirrors and accent furniture, and offers commercial art and framing services to companies.