



MEDIA COVERAGE OPPORTUNITY

ARTIST WITH AUTISM PAINTS HIS VISION OF THE LOCH NESS MONSTER FOR CHARITY

- What:** Autistic artist, Seth Chwast, will paint his vision of Busch Gardens' classic coaster for a charity auction benefiting the Autism Society of America as part of the coaster's 30th anniversary celebration. "Nessie" has thrilled millions of visitors since arriving at the park in 1978. On May 23, Busch Gardens is honoring the famous double-looping serpent's years of dedicated service.
- When:** Press Briefing
Friday, May 23, **9:30 – 10 a.m.**
- Where:** Busch Gardens' Loch Ness Monster
- Summary:** According to Autism Speaks Inc., one in 150 children are diagnosed with autism. Seth Chwast from Cleveland, Ohio is one of them, and as an adult, he has learned to express himself with a canvas and a paint brush. Seth will be painting his favorite roller coaster May 23 as Busch Gardens celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Loch Ness Monster. The 30" X 40" painting will be auctioned off with proceeds benefiting the Autism Society of America. A press briefing will take place at 9:30 a.m. at the Loch Ness Monster to celebrate the anniversary and kick off the auction.

Interview opportunities immediately following the Press Briefing:

Seth Chwast – an autistic artist who will paint his vision of the Loch Ness Monster and donate the painting to raise money for local autism chapters.

Ken Moore – from the American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE) will celebrate the Loch Ness Monster's birthday and surprise Seth with an honorary ACE membership for the special occasion.

Carin Yavorcik – from the Autism Society of America.

John Reilly – executive vice president and general manager of Busch Gardens.

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