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Spies Portrait of Janklow to be Dedicated at USD

(Vermillion, SD) - International award-winning artist Joshua Spies' portrait of former South Dakota Governor William J. "Bill" Janklow will join the portraits of nine former South Dakota governors who attended the University of South Dakota.

"Being chosen to paint these portraits was such an honor," Spies said. "I am grateful to be a part of this dedication at USD."

Spies will be recognized during the dedication ceremony, which will be held at 5 p.m. on Aug. 27 at Farber Hall inside of Old Main. The ceremony is open to the public.

For more information on Joshua, please visit www.joshuaspies.com or facebook.com/joshuaspies.

About Joshua Spies:

Joshua Spies is an international award-winning artist from Watertown, South Dakota. He earned his fine arts degree at South Dakota State University and has traveled the world observing and photographing wildlife. Joshua has been a finalist in the Federal Duck Stamp competition five times and won the competition in 2008. The fall 2006 Wildlife Art Magazine named Joshua one of the top 16 wildlife artists, and Dallas Safari Club announced Joshua Spies as the winner of their prestigious 2007 Artist of the Year. Joshua was named the 2011 Safari Club International Artist of the Year. Joshua is a dedicated conservationist and through his artwork, has helped raise millions of dollars worldwide for this effort. He is a life member of the Grand Slam Club, Foundation for Wild Sheep, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pheasants Forever, Safari Club International, Ducks Unlimited, Dallas Safari Club, ISHA, Whitetails Unlimited, Mule Deer Foundation, Delta Waterfowl and the National Rifle Association.