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Commemorate Your Prized Horse In a Fine Art Portrait

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Atlanta, GA (March 13, 2009) Award-winning Atlanta portrait artist, Lisa Gleim, not only specializes in children and pet portraits, but she also paints fine art portraits of horses and riders. Having once been an avid English equestrian herself, Gleim understands how important the relationship is between a horse and its owner, and realized early on in her career that a portrait is a one-of-a-kind way to commemorate that special bond.

"A portrait of a horse is so much more majestic than a photograph, and that's befitting of these amazing animals," Gleim said. "I don't get to ride anymore, so painting portraits of horses and riders lets me stay close to them in a way that combines two of my loves."

Gleim began painting horses when her career as a pet portrait artist began nearly 10 years ago. After losing her 14-year-old golden retriever, Bonnie, Gleim decided to paint her beloved dog's portrait to help her get over the loss. "Once I finished the portrait, I realized that I wasn't the only person that considered my dogs as part of my family," she explained. Since then, Gleim has received several major commissions for dogs, as well as horse portraits, many of which have brought their owners to tears after seeing their animals immortalized through art. Moustache f

She specializes in charcoal, pastel and oil portraits, and whenever possible, she prefers to photograph the horses herself so she can meet them and observe their mannerisms and personalities. "I work very hard to capture their spirit in the portraits," Gleim said. "I just don't think you can get that same result from a photograph."

About Lisa Gleim Fine Art Portraits

Lisa Gleim is a native of Atlanta and began her career as a professional portrait painter in 1996 after she graduated from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the nation's oldest art school and museum. She specializes in charcoal, pastel and oil portraits of children, pets and professionals, and has pieces in both public and private collections across the country. Gleim is also an award-winning landscape artist, and her landscapes can be found in private and public collections throughout the East Coast. She is a founding member of the Atlanta Fine Arts League and the creator of the group's highly acclaimed Art From The Heart, a community project in which Atlanta area artists donated portraits of Georgia's fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan to the families left behind. Gleim paints from her home studio where she lives with her husband, Dr. William S. Jonas, their 3-year-old old daughter, Libby, and their three rescue dogs Aslan, Emma and Stella. <http://www.lisagleim.com>

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