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### **Sports Painter Anthony “AO” Oropieza to Feature His KC Royals Sports Art, August 6th at Kauffman Stadium for ARTSKC’s “Arts Day at The K,” Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.**

**Kansas City, Kan. - July 31, 2017:** AOART5, art studio of KC Sports Artist Anthony "AO" Oropieza, is pleased to announce that AO and AOART5 will be one of the featured art exhibitors on August 6, for the 2017 Arts Day at The K pregame event.

ArtsKC's third-annual event will feature family-friendly arts activities from various KC art organizations. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. in the Outfield Experience at the K before the game until about the 2nd or 3rd inning. The Royals play the Seattle Mariners at 1:15 p.m.

Oropieza plans to display a collection of finished work as well as a couple of Work In Progress (WIP) pieces.

Oropieza will have on display mostly original paintings of Kansas City Royals players, including works of catcher Salvador Perez, center fielder Lorenzo Cain, third baseman Mike Moustakas, first baseman Eric Hosmer, and pitchers Danny Duffy and the late Yordano Ventura.

There may also be other pieces on-hand like one of the late Miami Marlin pitcher, Jose Fernandez, and possibly an image of Oropieza's most recent work, a piece of Kansas City native Albert Pujols commemorating his 600th home run this past June, commissioned by the Pujols family.

“It is a huge honor, again, to be able to show my Royals sports art and to give out our cool and fun coloring pages to the kids. I hope they will be able to sit and color our new super-hero style pages of some of the best players in the league and the best team in the league,” said Oropieza. "And even more special is that we get to share these moments of sharing with the public with ArtsKC and the Royals at the home of the 2015 World Champs,” said Oropieza.

#### **Special Piece Shown - Yordano Ventura**

This event will also be the third public showing of AO's piece of the Royals late Yordano Ventura. The original work was purchased by former Royal and now visiting Seattle Mariner Jarrod Dyson. "I usually create pieces for myself, unless they are commissioned, but with the Ventura piece, my plan was to keep the original and make 2 prints - one for the team and one for the Ventura family."

Then an exception was made. "Soon before the work was finished, Mr. (Jarrod) Dyson contacted me via Twitter about the piece, and then immediately after, Mr. Eric Hosmer contacted me via Twitter about the same piece. Ultimately, Mr. Dyson acquired the original and Mr. Hosmer acquired two prints - one for himself and one for the Ventura family. I later delivered another print to the K for Mr. Hosmer to give to the team."

All attendees are welcome to view and discuss AO's work and possible drawing and art classes he hopes to provide soon.

To support the ArtsKC Fun Family Day theme, Oropieza will provide a series of FREE coloring pages based off of his Royals paintings and a few comic book style coloring pages for kids of all ages.

**About the Arts Day at The K Event:**

The 2017 Arts Day at The K event will be held in conjunction with the Royals' Sunday Fun-Day theme. Activities and fun give-aways from the participants will be provided for kids and families to enjoy.

ArtsKC contact Lydia Allen at [Allen@ArtsKC.org](mailto:Allen@ArtsKC.org) or (816) 994-9223.

Get your tickets at [Royals.com/themetickets](http://Royals.com/themetickets) and \$5 of your ticket cost will be donated to ArtsKC to provide grants to individual artists, arts organizations, and arts programs throughout the KC region!

**About AOART5 / Anthony "AO" Oropeza****AOART5**

Located in Kansas City, it is Oropeza's art and design studio. The studio focuses on Sports Art, Comic Books and Art for kids, Character Art, and Web Design Consulting.

**Anthony "AO" Oropeza**

A full-time Web Development Coordinator for a local park and recreation district, AO works on various creative projects outside of his full-time employment. Along with his sports art, comic book work and web work, AO also works with various charitable organizations in the U.S.

The K - Kauffman Stadium

Home of the World Champion Kansas City Royals located at One Royal Way, Kansas City, MO 64141

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