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Local Sports Painter: Anthony “AO” Oropeza – April 7, 2017 - First Friday Art Exhibit - AO's 2nd Annual Opening Day – Weekend Art Exhibit with a Featuring KC Royals Baseball Players at Ricos Tacos, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Kansas City, KS – March 13, 2017 - AOART5 LLC and Studio & Strong Ave. Studios are pleased to announce that on April 7, 2017, Kansas City Sports Artist - Anthony “AO” Oropeza will host an one-night only, First Friday Annual Opening Day – Weekend Art Exhibit at featuring work of the Kansas City Royals, at local eatery Rico's Tacos Lupe on SW Boulevard, west of the CrossRoads District. This one-night only art exhibit starts at 5:30 pm and ends 9:30 pm.

About the Exhibit

2nd Annual Opening Day - Weekend Art Exhibit – AO plans to exhibit a collection of current baseball works including pieces of KC Royals greats like Eric Hosmer (first baseman), Salvador Perez (catcher), Danny Duffy (pitcher), Lorenzo Cain (center fielder), Mike Moustakas (third baseman) and the late Yordano Ventura (pitcher). The exhibit will also include pieces of Chipper Jones and the late great Roberto Clemente.

Spotlight Piece – “Ventura” - KC Royals - Yordano Ventura

The show will be centered around AO's a recent piece – The “Ventura” - a 3'x2' painting of the young Royals phenom – Yordano Ventura. The work was just recently acquired by former Royal and current Seattle Mariner outfielder, Jarrod Dyson and two prints were acquired by first baseman Eric Hosmer. AO will have a print version of the original on display.

Meet and Greet – This 2nd annual art show is open to the public and all Royals fans, art lovers, collectors and art students are welcome to come meet and greet with AO. Visitors are welcome to view, discuss his work, process and future plans of his sports art. “I am really glad to show some of my recent work especially my work of our KC Royals. I am a huge baseball fan and a bigger Royals fan, and to be able to display and discuss my Royals work, is always pretty exciting”, Oropeza said.

The Venue

Rico's Tacos Lupe is popular SW Boulevard eatery located in KCMO and will open its doors for this one-night only event. There will be food specials available to purchase. The venue is located 802 SW Blvd., KCMO

About “AO”

Oropeza is a full-time web development coordinator and in the evenings works in his KC home-studio creating and producing his sports paintings, comic book art along with offering web consulting, marketing and branding services. Oropeza is also a writer, producer, publisher and creator of a bilingual comic book created for kid's to promote reading (AMIGOMAN™). His comic book publication allows him to visit area schools to speak to students about what he does as an artist in creating, designing, writing and publishing his work.

AOART5 and Strong Ave. Studios

AOART5 and Strong Ave. Studios are Oropeza's art and design studios. The studios focus on primarily Sports Art, Comic Book and Character Art and Web Design Consulting. The studios hope to produce other kid's stories of other local KC authors in the future. AO also works with various charitable organizations in the US.

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