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### KC Sports Painter Anthony "AO" Oropeza Showcases Sports Art at Kansas City Chiefs First Friday Crossroads Event – September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5PM – 9PM at W. 19th Street from Wyandotte St. to Baltimore Ave

Overland Park, KS – August 29, 2022 - AOART5 llc, the art studio of sports painter Anthony "AO" Oropeza, is proud to announce that Kansas City's own, AO, will make a rare appearance as one of the talented sports artist showcasing their work on behalf of the Kansas City Chiefs, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the CrossRoads First Friday event from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.

Sports painter AO's 10x10 tent will be located on the Chiefs-themed street at W. 19th Street from Wyandotte St. to Baltimore Ave.

Art lovers, sports art collectors, Chiefs art collectors and Chiefs fans alike are invited to drop by AO's tent to view a few of his original works, giclee replicas and a limited run of prints. AO will be also available to discuss his creating process and answer questions with fans interested in original collector pieces. AO will also have one of his latest originals on site to demo a bit of what he does in the AOART5 Studio.

This will be the second time AO has been involved with an artist project with the KC Chiefs. His first was a painting for Hunt Family Foundation that was then converted into the Dec. 26, 2021 limited edition game day poster print of KC Chiefs legend Christian Okoye.

#### Per the KC Chiefs Web Site:

"For the first time in Kansas City history, the Chiefs are working alongside the First Fridays committee to create "First Fridays with the Chiefs... This event will support the vibrant arts scene ..., while also giving attendees a chance to celebrate the start of the 2022 Chiefs season. This hub of entertainment will feature live music, live mural painting, local artist pop ups ..., and much more."

#### About AO

Anthony "AO" Oropeza is a self taught sports artist and native of Kansas City, KS. He is a graduate of both Rockhurst College ('96) and Kansas City Kansas Community College ('91). He is a full time graphic designer for a local parks and recreation organization and the Owner and Lead Creative for his own studio - AOART5 llc located in downtown Overland Park.

In 2013, instead of taking on a position as a barista/shift manager at a large chain coffee shop, AO gave his sports painting one more shot. And in the past 10 years, he has created multiple dynamic "AO Originals" of both the sports and non-sports variety.

Since 2013, staying true the AOART5 Mission Statement, AO has helped multiple organizations of various sizes (local family & church fundraisers, middle and high school fundraisers, sports team fundraisers, large community organization fundraisers, and more - to raise a large amount of funds to help others in his community.

AO's 1st Patrick Mahomes II original painting work was featured in The New York Times (Oct 2018). AO and his work has been featured on multiple podcasts, including Rounding the Bases with KC Royals sports broadcaster and author Joel Goldberg (ep. 66), *The Fundamism Podcast* with motivational speaker Paul Long (ep. 104) and No Solutions Podcast with Easi Moreno and Marcos Garcia (ep. 002). AO has also been featured on every local TV station (Fox4, KCTV5, KMBZ-9 and KSHB-41) in Kansas City.

Owners of AO's work (original or print) include the like of Patrick Mahomes II, Albert Puljols, Eric Hosmer, Mayor Sly Jmes, Mayor Dave Alvey, Danny Duffy and others.

#### AOART5 llc

AOART5 is Oropeza's art and design studio. The studio focuses on Sports Art, Web & Graphic Design Consulting, and Art Classes (coming soon).

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