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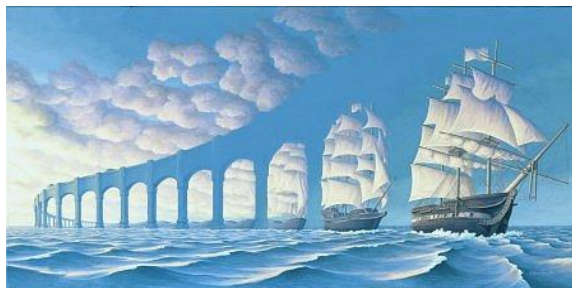
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**Artexpo New York Hosts Superstar Artists Rob Gonsalves and J. Scott Nicol March 25-27 at Pier 94 on the Hudson**

**NEW YORK CITY, (FEB 25, 2011)** – Award-winning artists **Rob Gonsalves** and **J. Scott Nicol** will be featured by **Huckleberry Fine Art** from March 25-27 at Artexpo New York, the world's largest fine art trade show for over 32 years. Huckleberry owner Boots Harris, who has exhibited at the show for 15 years, will display the works of his top artists at booth #909. Fine art collectors are invited to meet the artists in person and watch as superstar Nicol demonstrates his creative process. Artexpo New York will be at Pier 94, New York City's renowned "Art & Design Pier" on the Hudson.

**Rob Gonsalves**, recognized as the most famous living surrealist painter in North America, is recipient of the Governor General's Award, Canada's most prestigious award for fine art. His popularity has exploded over the past decade, and in that time his equity in the art market has risen by an astounding 2000 percent. Gonsalves' stunning painting, "The Sun Sets Sail," is featured on the cover of *Masters of Deception—Escher, Dali & the Artists of Optical Illusion* (Sterling, 2007), in which he is compared to those iconic surrealist masters in a chapter devoted to his work. He is the illustrator of the Simon & Schuster series, *Imagine a Day*; *Imagine a Night*; and *Imagine a Place*; and of the Master of Illusion 2011 wall calendar (Sellers publishing).



Gonsalves' work injects a sense of magic into realistic scenes and attempts to represent the human desire to believe in the impossible.

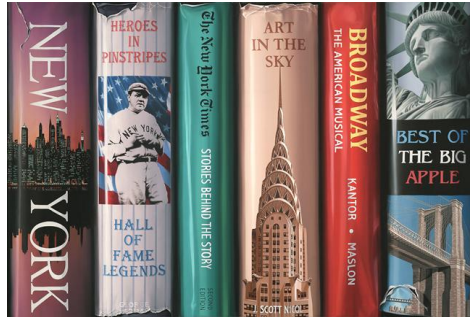
The art of **J. Scott Nicol** may be seen in premier galleries across the country, and as with Gonsalves, there's a long waiting list for his work. Throughout his career, whether in commercial or fine art, Nicol has always told a story with his paintings. His latest series utilizes book spines on a shelf to portray his vision. Photorealistic in style, each oil painting captures the three dimensionality of the book with normal wear, tears and the occasional scotch tape. With Nicol's careful use of color and composition, the art pops off the canvas, covering iconic themes including Frank Sinatra, Joe Namath, Woodstock, The Beatles, Janis Joplin, Marilyn Monroe, Michael Jackson, Shakespeare, Vermeer, Warhol, The Cubs, Babe Ruth, The Phillies, the Statue of Liberty, and Brooklyn Bridge, as well as literary classics, e.g., *Of Mice and Men*, *East of Eden*, and *The Old Man and The Sea*. **Nicol, who creates commission pieces based on the collector's input, will be painting live at the show.**



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“Other publishers come and go, but Gonsalves is still here,” said Harris. “He and Nicol are the main reason I’ve taken a 50-foot booth.”

Also exhibiting in Harris’ booth will be photorealistic painters **Gavin Glakas** and **John Payne**, artists **David Mills** and **Alexis Greenberg**, as well as **Bob Ransley**, whose luscious animal compositions of giraffes, hippos, lions and water buffalo convey the inherent symmetry of the wild. According to Harris, “These gifted artists sell art faster than they paint, which is unusual in the current economy.”

#### **About Artexpo New York**

Artexpo is the world’s largest fine art trade show, providing dealers with access to thousands of innovative works from artists and publishers in one single venue. Over its 32-year history, Artexpo New York has hosted many of the world’s most renowned artists, including **Andy Warhol**, **Peter Max**, **Robert Rauschenberg**, **Robert Indiana**, **Keith Haring** and **Leroy Neiman**.

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