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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

# THE LATE OZZY OSBOURNE COLLABORATES WITH CHIMPANZEES FOR A JOINT ART COLLECTION DEBUTING IN THE U.S. AT SPECTRUM MIAMI

As his final project, the legendary Prince of Darkness joined forces with artistic apes from "Save the Chimps" to create an exclusive set of abstract paintings to raise funds for the non-profit organization.

The collection will be unveiled on Ozzy Osbourne's birthday for its U.S. debut at the Spectrum Miami art fair during Miami Art Week, Dec. 3—7.

<u>Miami, FL – December 1, 2025</u>: The U.S. debut of an exclusive collection of paintings created by the late rock icon **Ozzy Osbourne** and artistic chimpanzees, will be unveiled at this year's 15th annual **Spectrum Miami** art fair, on Osbourne's birthday, during this week's Miami Art Week, taking place December 3—7 at the Mana Wynwood Convention Center in Miami.

Weeks before his passing in July this year, the legendary Prince of Darkness joined forces with non-profit organization, **Save the Chimps**, to create a joint collection of abstract paintings with chimpanzees who paint at the Florida sanctuary in Fort Pierce. Osbourne painted intricate, multicolored basecoats on five canvases, then the ape artists at the sanctuary added their own brushstrokes. The original five signed artworks, named after Osbourne's own songs or albums, was made available exclusively at Omega Auctions – one of the top auction houses worldwide for music memorabilia and sold for \$75,000 in an auction that launched the week after Ozzy's farewell show and one week before he died. The top-selling painting, titled "Paranoid," created by Ozzy and chimp Janice sold for \$18,000. Ozzy's <u>Facebook</u> post launching the collection was one of his very last and wife Sharon Osbourne wrote that Ozzy was fully aware that the collaborations were a runaway hit, and it brought a smile to his face during his last days.

"I paint because it gives me peace of mind, but I don't sell my paintings," said Ozzy. "I've made an exception with these collaborations as it raises money for <u>Save the Chimps</u>, a sanctuary for hundreds of apes rescued from labs, roadside zoos and wildlife traffickers."

To mark Ozzy Osbourne's December 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, **Sharon Osbourne** is helping launch limited edition prints from the collection and five abstracts Ozzy painted, titled "Blizzard of Ozz," "Electric Funeral," "Paranoid," "Tattooed Dancer," and "Technical Ecstasy." The collection will make its U.S. debut at Spectrum Miami, Dec. 3—7, where Save The Chimps will be selling limited edition numbered prints for \$150.00. All sales benefit Save the Chimps sanctuary in Florida.

"Chimps are our closest relatives in the animal world, and I'm proud of Ozzy for summoning the energy to support them during his last months, despite his health challenges," says Sharon Osbourne. "The original paintings raised much needed funds for the sanctuary, and the prints, scarves and t-shirts will give even more fans the opportunity to help."

At Spectrum Miami (and through its website), limited edition prints, just 50 of the five paintings with numbered certificate of authentication, will be available for \$150, together with 38x38 scarves with images of three of the paintings 'Paranoid,' 'Tattooed Dancer,' and 'Technical Ecstasy' will be sold for \$75. T-shirts with images of two of the paintings Blizzard of Ozz and Paranoid will be available to buy for \$35.

Save the Chimps Events Director Dan Mathews previewed the paintings to the Osbournes in Birmingham just ahead of Osbourne's farewell performance.

"Only about 10% of chimpanzees enjoy painting at the sanctuary," says Mathews. "Ozzy was a man of the people, so we priced the prints and merch so his fans could participate in this fundraiser that we decided to launch on Ozzy's birthday that coincided with Miami Art Week. Painting is just one of many enrichment activities we offer our residents," Mathews says. "Some really enjoy it, while others prefer food puzzles, foraging activities, or picture books."

Founded 25 years ago and situated on 150 acres in Fort Pierce, Florida, Save the Chimps is the largest privately funded chimpanzee sanctuary in the world. Supporters include Jane Goodall, Paul McCartney, Bryan Adams, Alan Cumming, Gillian Anderson, and The B-52s, and the Arcus Foundation. Corporate sponsor FedEx provided free shipping of Ozzy's collection to and from the sanctuary.

**Spectrum Miami**, now in its 15th year, is where contemporary meets extraordinary, featuring the works of more than 200 exhibiting galleries and artists, located adjacent to its sister fair, Red Dot Miami. Spectrum Miami presents special programs and site-specific exhibitions that showcase the thriving art landscape of the city by exhibitors from the Florida region, the U.S. and around the globe. Within Spectrum Miami, **[SOLO]** offers established and emerging independent artists the opportunity to showcase their work on an international stage. Over the decades, [SOLO] has become the ultimate venue for independent artists to be discovered, not only by gallery owners and art publishers, but also by collectors and enthusiasts. Also featured within this year's Spectrum Miami is the **Spectrum FOCUS Pavilion**, featuring outsider art, street, art, pop art and urban art, as well as the **Spectrum Taste District** and **Spectrum Art Theater**.

The **Opening Night Preview** for Spectrum Miami and Red Dot Miami will take place from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, Dec. 3rd**, featuring libations and musical entertainment. A VIP Total Ticket for the Opening Night Preview is priced at \$70 per person in advance (increasing to \$95 on Dec. 3) and includes access to all fair dates, Dec. 4 through Dec. 7. A General Admission 1-day Ticket for Spectrum Miami and Red Dot Miami is \$30 per person in advance (increasing to \$50 on Dec. 3) and includes admission to one fair date – Dec. 4 through Dec. 7.

For more information on Save The Chimps, visit <a href="www.savethechimps.org">www.savethechimps.org</a> and for information or to purchase tickets for Spectrum Miami, visit <a href="https://redwoodartgroup.com/spectrum-miami/">https://redwoodartgroup.com/spectrum-miami/</a>.

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Photography of Ozzy Osbourne with his paintings and individual artworks from the collection is available via this link (credit 'Save The Chimps'): <a href="https://bit.ly/3XrQmcD">https://bit.ly/3XrQmcD</a>

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## **About Save The Chimps**

Save the Chimps is one of the largest chimpanzee sanctuaries in the world whose mission is to provide refuge and exemplary care to chimpanzees in need. Save the Chimps offers life-long care for chimpanzees rescued from research laboratories, the pet trade, and entertainment industry. Visit <a href="www.savethechimps.org">www.savethechimps.org</a>.

#### **About Spectrum Miami and Red Dot Miami**

Now in its 15th year, Spectrum Miami, a curated contemporary art fair held within 150,000 square feet of indoor exhibition space at Mana Wynwood Convention Center, takes place annually in December as part of the popular Miami Art Week. Spectrum Miami features the works of more than 200 exhibiting galleries and artists from the Florida region and around the globe. Now in its 20th year, Red Dot Miami, a curated gallery-only contemporary art fair also located in Mana Wynwood, takes place annually in December as the sister show to Spectrum Miami during Miami Art Week. Red Dot Miami features up to 65 modern and contemporary galleries representing over 500 leading contemporary artists from primary and secondary markets throughout the world. Red Dot Miami has enriched the city's arts scene beyond measure since its inception in 2006, becoming one of the leading satellite shows during Miami Art Week.

The two fairs under one roof during Miami Art Week takes place December 3—7, 2025, and will collectively feature over 1000 artists showcased by over 280 exhibitors among more than 30,000 international visitors and high-net-worth collectors, who interact with the specially curated programming, while celebrating the fine art experience with music, entertainment, and other special events, all within walking distance of Wynwood's coveted restaurants, bars and retail boutiques.

For more information on Spectrum Miami and Red Dot Miami, visit <a href="https://redwoodartgroup.com/spectrum-miami/">https://redwoodartgroup.com/spectrum-miami/</a>, and <a href="https://redwoodartgroup.com/red-dot-miami/">https://redwoodartgroup.com/spectrum-miami/</a>.