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### **The Hancock Observatory takes art to a greater height.**

*Chicago* - The Hancock Observatory has been given the unique opportunity to be the first tall building in Chicago to display Henry Linton's painting, 'Symbolic Portrait of a Great City.'

The acrylic painting, which stands approximately 60 inches wide and 48 inches tall, features 12 of Chicago's tallest buildings. Linton's vision was to display the painting in each of the twelve buildings portrayed in the actual piece, taking art out of the gallery and presenting it in a compelling and relevant environment.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to display an iconic piece of art work that connects with the city and the Skyline," says Daniel Thomas, General Manager of The Hancock Observatory. "This is made even more exhilarating by the fact that an almost mirror-image of Linton's view of the city can be seen in a breathtaking manner nearly 100 floors up at The Hancock Observatory."

Painted in 1978, the painting was originally commissioned by Chicago's WBBM-FM radio station to appear on a calendar promoting the radio station but was instead purchased by a private collector. When it is displayed, this wonderful painting always turned heads and this is a unique opportunity to see a piece of Chicago's history up close.

The painting is on display at Chicago's Hancock Observatory from 1 February to 31 March 2008. It is included in the general admission rates, which are (including tax): adults \$12, seniors \$10 (62 years +), youth \$8 (5-12 years), 4 years and under – free.

The Hancock Observatory, offering a range of breathtaking attractions and Chicago's best views, is open daily from 9am to 11pm and is located at John Hancock Center, 875 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

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