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**Fort Pitt Museum to Host Conversation with Artist Robert Griffing**  
**- *The Western Pa. native will discuss his life and artwork with Heinz History Center President and CEO Andy Masich and Fort Pitt Museum Director Alan Gutches* -**

PITTSBURGH, June 27, 2019 – The Fort Pitt Museum, part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will host an evening with artist **Robert Griffing** on **Saturday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m.**

A native of Western Pennsylvania, Griffing grew up with a fascination for the 18<sup>th</sup> century and Eastern Woodland American Indians. Following a 30-year career in advertising, he turned to historical painting full time and created some of his most recognizable work.

The evening program will feature a conversation with Griffing about his life and artwork, moderated by Senator John Heinz History Center President and CEO Andy Masich and Fort Pitt Museum Director Alan Gutches.

In addition, guests will hear from Michael Galban, Mono Lake Paiute/Washoe American Indian, who will present on the history behind Griffing's artwork and their collaboration on the book "The Historical Art of Robert Griffing: An Amazing Journey." Galban works with Griffing as a visual and cultural consultant.

Following the program, Griffing and Galban will sign copies of their book. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase.

Admission to this program is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and Heinz History Center members. Register online at [heinzhistorycenter.org/events](http://heinzhistorycenter.org/events).

The **Fort Pitt Museum**, built in a recreated bastion of the British fort originally constructed in 1759, focuses on the critical role that Western Pennsylvania played during the French & Indian War, the American Revolution, and the founding of Pittsburgh. The Fort Pitt Museum is located in Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh. The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, operates the Fort Pitt Museum in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). For more information, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt).



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