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**Beautiful Nuances of Childhood Captured in Portrait Exhibit at the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum**

Norwalk, Conn., April 4, 2015 --**On May 9, 2015**, the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum will open a new exhibition entitled, *Childhood Portraits: Our Children, Our Future,* in collaboration withthe Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists (CSOPA) and Stepping Stones Museum for Children. This exhibit opens on **May 9, 12-4 p.m.** and runs through **June 28** at LMMM, 295 West Ave., Norwalk, CT. The Opening Reception will be held on **May 9, 2015, 3-5 p.m**. Free admission with a complimentary tour of the Museum’s first floor at 4 p.m. **RSVP by May 4.** General Admission April 9-May 3, 12-4 p.m.: $10 for adults, $8 for seniors, $6, 8-18.

"The mission of The Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists is to educate the public about this classic art form,” said **Jeanine Jackson**, **CSOPA Founder and President**. “We are excited to partner with The Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum and Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Together, we bring 21 original portraits of children by 21 professional artists into public view. Many of the participating families never dreamed of such an opportunity. We know the children will be thrilled to see themselves in the magnificent museum on opening day."

From Ancient Greece’s depiction of deities to Andy Warhol’s celebrity portraits, not to mention today’s selfie craze, the art of portraiture has been a part of society since its inception. This exhibit will explore this enduring artistic form with portraits of children created exclusively by CSOPA membersafter a “Matching Event” which was held on November 15, 2014 at Stepping Stones Museum for Children. At this event children also explored the art of self-portraiture under the guidance of CSOPA artists and Stepping Stones educators. Stepping Stones Museum for Children’s Executive Director **Rhonda Kiest** said, “Stepping Stones is honored to be a part of this collaborative project with the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum and the Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists and we look forward to the exhibit opening on May 9 with great enthusiasm.”

The exhibit, *Childhood Portraits: Our Children, Our Future* is sponsored in part by The Museum’s 2015 cultural and educational programs are made possible in part by generous funding from LMMM’s Founding Patrons: The **Estate of Mrs. Cynthia Clark Brown**, and the Museum’s Distinguished Benefactors: **Klaff’s, Xerox Foundation,** and **The Maurice Goodman Foundation**.

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