



**Red Wing Framing to Host Exhibit and Sale of 10 Paintings by
Author-Playwright Jon Hassler**

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(Red Wing, MN)...Ten original oil paintings by noted Minnesota novelist and playwright Jon Hassler will go on exhibit and sale at Red Wing Framing Gallery from mid-November through the holidays.

Presented in cooperation with The Jon Hassler Theater in the author-artist's native Plainview, MN, a portion of the proceeds from the sale will go toward research into Multiple System Atrophy (MSA). Hassler was recently diagnosed with the disease, a degeneration of cells in certain areas of the brain that control movement, balance and other bodily functions.

While best known for his eleven novels – including *Staggerford*, Novel of the Year in 1978 by Friends of American Writers; *Grand Opening*, Best Fiction of 1987 by Society of Midland Authors; and NBC's 1988 production of *A Green Journey* starring Angela Lansbury and Denholm Elliott – Hassler is also a noted painter and sketch artist.

The ten 4"x6" oils being exhibited and sold at Red Wing Framing feature scenes of Lake Superior and the Crow Wing River in northern Minnesota. Hassler painted them in 1988.

"We are excited and honored to be working with Jon and The Jon Hassler Theater to show these beautiful paintings to people throughout the Red Wing – Hiawatha Valley area, and also to raise funds to fight MSA," said Valerie Becker, owner of Red Wing Framing Gallery.

Red Wing Framing Gallery (www.redwingframing.com), located in the historic Boxrud Building on Main Street in Downtown Red Wing, specializes in original fine art, custom framing and digital imaging.

The Jon Hassler Theater (www.jonhasslertheater.org) opened in June of 2000 with Grand Opening, the play based upon Hassler's novel of the same name. The 250 seat theater is located in the Center for Rural America Arts in downtown Plainview.

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