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The Andy Griffith Show 50th Anniversary Portrait Debuts!

Desert Dog Media is proud to announce the release of the Limited Edition *The Andy Griffith Show* 50th Anniversary Portrait! This 12" x 16" collage pencil portrait is signed and numbered by the artist and officially licensed by CBS Consumer Products! Now, you can own a lifetime keepsake of the beloved show, which debuted on October 3, 1960 and has remained on the air every year since!



George Murray is a pencil portraitist living in Wilmington, NC and owner of Murray Art and Frame in neighboring Leland, NC. He has always taken his passion for nostalgia to the drawing board! Almost all of the portraits George draws come from the influence he got from legendary icons at an early age. He has drawn over 40 portraits of 21 Mayberry characters and received endorsements from Andy Griffith, Don Knotts, George "Goober" Lindsey, and more! He is the official artist of Branson Entertainment Group and was also commissioned to draw over 30 Hollywood stars' portraits for Disney's live model for Tinker Bell, Margaret Kerry. Those portraits will be featured in Ms. Kerry's new book, "Tinker Bell Talks". His pencil artwork is drawn with great detail and each print is truly a valuable collectible.



John Hodge, of Knoxville, TN is a life-long *Andy Griffith Show* fan and trivia expert. He turned his love for the show into the first officially licensed *Andy Griffith Show Trivia Game* in 1998. While promoting the trivia game, John appeared in two television commercials, performed over 300 television and radio interviews, and executed voice-over recordings for radio stations from Los Angeles to Myrtle Beach. John has many years of experience in the promotion and marketing business and is putting that experience to work in his latest project: The 50th Anniversary *Andy Griffith Show* Portrait, drawn by artist George Murray.

For interview requests of John or George, please contact John Hodge at 865-384-7518 or john@desertdogmedia.net.