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Michelangelo – A Different View Comes to the Albany Capital Center *Unique art exhibit will debut at the ACC this summer*

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The [Albany Capital Center](#) (ACC) announced today that the most famous fresco in the world will be on display at the ACC this summer from July 29 – August 23 when they host the exhibit *Michelangelo – A Different View*. The sculptor and painter, Michelangelo, spent four years of his life on scaffolding under the vaulted ceiling of the Sistine Chapel painting his interpretation of the history of creation.

“While we have always remained open, this exhibit will be one of our first public events where we can welcome the local community back to our facility in greater numbers,” said Doug McClaine, general manager, Albany Capital Center. “The format of this event is ideal for our facility given our expansive space. We can accommodate large numbers comfortably and safely so guests can enjoy the artwork while maintaining social distance. The pieces that will be on display are incredible and will be a must-see for all art lovers.”

Michelangelo – A Different View allows for an unprecedented closeness to the magnificent works of Michelangelo, the originals of which adorn the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel at the height of nearly 70 feet. Far away from the enormous streams of visitors to the Sistine Chapel, visitors here can take in the imposing paintings at their leisure and soak them in from only a few feet away.

Under the license of the Vatican Museums, the images were reproduced and transferred to special fabric webs. This technique allows true-to-life reproduction providing a glimpse of the works, which, apart from Michelangelo, has been given to only a few people.

Following the restoration of the Sistine Chapel between 1982 and 1994, a Japanese team received permission to film the newly resplendent Chapel. Photo slides were made of the frescoes in a 200 x 250 mm format, which since have been guarded by the Vatican Museums like a treasure – which is indeed what they truly are.

These elaborate reproductions of the paintings in the exhibition *Michelangelo – A Different View* allow visitors an intimate experience with the stunning frescoes of the Florentine genius. The exhibition by no means attempts to reproduce the Sistine Chapel. Instead, it aims to provide observers with a view of Michelangelo’s technique which is still setting standards today. The

experience also develops a very personal perspective of the depictions and intentions of the artist.

Tickets for *Michelangelo – A Different View* will be available for purchase on June 1 at 10 a.m. and are priced from \$8 – \$17, with group discounts and family packs available. For more information on ticket prices and the most up to date COVID-19 protocols, visit www.albanycapitalcenter.com.

About the Albany Capital Center: *Opened in March 2017, the Albany Capital Center (ACC), operated by leading venue manager ASM Global, is a modern, premier event and meeting destination in New York's culturally rich Capital Region. Connected to the Times Union Center, Empire State Plaza and Renaissance Albany Hotel via enclosed walkways, the convention center hosts a diverse array of trade shows, consumer and social events, and meetings for up to 5,000 guests. It boasts 22,500 square feet of ballroom/exhibit space, six meeting rooms with 9,200 square feet of space, 13,500 square feet of pre-function space, state-of-the-art technology, and impeccable dining options. The ACC is conveniently located in downtown Albany and within walking distance of the New York State Capitol, business and warehouse districts, performing arts venues, museums, shops, restaurants and nightlife. For more information about the Albany Capital Center, visit www.albanycapitalcenter.com, or contact the sales department at (518) 487-2009 or shannon.licygiewicz@albanycapitalcenter.com.*

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