

News Release

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A Collaboration with Artist Michael Eastman and Researchers from the Hope Center for Neurological Disorders

Dateline: January 13, 2012: Hope Happens for Neurological Disorders proudly announces **Where Art Meets Science** at the Duane Reed Gallery in St. Louis' Central West End on **February 3rd and 4th, 2012**. This cutting-edge art exhibition will feature an exciting collaboration by international renowned photographer Michael Eastman and researchers from the Hope Center for Neurological Disorders at Washington University School of Medicine. For the first time, Hope Center scientists have the opportunity to collaborate with artist Michael Eastman, who transforms their scientific images into abstract works of art.

St. Louis native Michael Eastman (<http://eastmanimages.com/>) has established himself as one of the world's leading contemporary photographic artists. His photographs have appeared in Time, Life, and American Photographer. They currently reside in the collections of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the International Center of Photography, The Art Institute of Chicago, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and other prestigious institutions. His books include Havana (2011, Prestel), Vanishing America (2008, Rizzoli) and Horses (2003, Knopf), which is now in its fifth edition.

Where Science Meets Art will kick-off with a private reception on Friday, February 3rd in honor of Hope Happens' Hope Society members and will open to the public on Saturday, February 4th, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, contact Gabriela Inderwies, Development Officer, at (314) 725-3888, email gabriela@hopehappens.org or visit the Hope Happens website at www.hopehappens.org

The collaborative photographic images created by the researchers and Michael Eastman will be for sale on Friday and Saturday only, and proceeds will benefit Hope Happens and its partnership with the Hope Center for Neurological Disorders at Washington University School of Medicine. The Center pursues innovative and groundbreaking ideas for research with a clear potential to improve diagnosis and treatment of patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, stroke, and epilepsy, as well as brain and spinal cord injury.

"This will be a very exciting event," said Toby Martin, Board President of Hope Happens. "The Hope Center is making significant progress in many important areas of research—which one day will lead to cures that affect the 7900 people diagnosed with a neurological disorder each day, over twice the number of those diagnosed with cancer."

The Hope Center began in 2004 as a partnership between Washington University School of Medicine and Hope Happens. Christopher Hobler, creator of the public charity, unfortunately lost his

battle with ALS in 2005. The Hope Center assists the work of more than 90 faculty and over 500 scientists with shared research facilities and an annual distribution of seed money.

“With the collaborative research being done at the Hope Center, answers will be found to those who have lost hope,” according to Jean Hobler, Christopher Hobler’s mother and founding member of Hope Happens.

About Hope Happens: Hope Happens is a public charity dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with neurodegenerative disorders by promoting collaborative research with the potential to fast-track cures by translating basic scientific breakthrough into new therapies. For more information: www.hopehappens.org, info@hopehappens.org, or (314) 725-3888.

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