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***Honouring My Father*; proceeds to Marcus Cirillo National Trust Fund**

Ottawa – In the days that followed the October 22 fatal shooting of Corporal Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial, internationally renowned Ottawa artist Katerina Mertikas searched for a way to express the grief shared by all Canadians and to somehow help Corporal Cirillo’s five-year-old son Marcus. She soon decided to do what she does best, and create art from the heart.

The painting *‘Honouring My Father’* was unveiled at Ottawa City Hall’s Heritage Building, by Mayor Jim Watson and Mrs. Mertikas, and it was announced that gallery-quality prints of the painting are being sold to benefit the Marcus Cirillo National Trust Fund.

‘Honouring My Father’ is a fitting tribute to Corporal Nathan Cirillo’s service to our country and the mutual love between Corporal Cirillo and his son Marcus,” said Mayor Watson. “Selling prints of the painting to help aid Marcus Cirillo’s future is a tremendous gesture by Mrs. Mertikas. The original painting will hang in the Mayor’s Boardroom at Ottawa City Hall.

Mrs. Mertikas will be in Toronto at her exclusive Toronto gallery [Artworld Fine Art](http://www.artworldfineart.com) on Saturday December 13th from 4:00PM – 6:00PM promoting her naïve expressionist paintings and promoting *‘Honouring My Father’*. Katerina explains: “I was deeply moved by the tragedy and felt compelled to pick up my brush. My painting reflects what a lot of people were thinking that day – a Father taken from his son, a soldier shot down as he served his country and a monument that honours fallen soldiers as the setting for the tragedy”.

Prints of this painting are being offered through Artworld Fine Art for \$124 – plus shipping at www.artworldfineart.com. The gallery-wrapped limited edition prints are hand-signed and numbered by the artist. All profits will be contributed to the trust fund for Marcus Cirillo. To date over 800 images have sold.

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