



# Press Release

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## Major David E. Richardson *Trojan War Series*



*Camilla* oil on canvas 41" x 46"



*Harmon Trojan Blacksmith* oil on canvas 48" x 37"

January 7 – February 5, 2006

**Reception to meet the artist: Saturday, January 7, 5-9pm**

Zenith Gallery would like to start the New Year with a send off for artist, David E. Richardson, a Major in the United States Marine Corp. He has served our country as a marine for sixteen years and will continue that service with a tour of duty in Iraq this winter. He has been painting since childhood and has studied art for the past twenty years.

Concurrently with painting, Major Richardson developed lesson plans for a class he instructed at The George Washington University on the evolution of Western warfare; the characters from Homer's *Iliad* constantly occupied his thoughts, and he drew the title of the series and each painting from that epic legend. In short, each painting is a monument to characters and events chronicled in the *Iliad*.

The work is a series of large abstract paintings drawing reference to the ubiquitous nature and imagery of stone motifs – Stonehenge, Easter Island carvings, Inuit structures and Mycenaean bull horn carvings to name a few.

Images for print by request

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