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Poster Art Commemorates Metro-North's 25th Anniversary

The allure of train travel is captured in an evocative poster commissioned by the MTA Arts for Transit Poster Program to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Metro-North Railroad.

"Nocturne," by Oren Sherman, features a Metro-North locomotive framed by the Henry Hudson Bridge and the platform lights of the Spuyten Duyvil Station against a purple sky.

"The artist effectively evokes Metro-North's past while celebrating its present," said Metro-North President Peter A. Cannito. "The artwork features a locomotive, the quintessential railroad symbol; yet this locomotive is one of our rebuilt and repainted ones. Likewise, the train is shown at one of our recently rehabilitated stations; yet one of the architectural elements at this station is its historic light fixtures. We are delighted with the result and applaud MTA Arts for Transit for another wonderful effort."

"The Metro-North project was a very exciting commission for me," said Sherman, an alumnus and faculty member of Rhode Island School of Design. "I've enjoyed the art in the subways and train stations for years and have always wanted to be part of the program. I took the train all the way up the Hudson Line to find the perfect view but the station that I loved the most was right in the Bronx. I set the scene at night and tried to capture the romance and mystery of a train ride."

Sherman's commissions include eight U.S. postage stamps, designs for Steuben Glass, the Olympics, Disney, Pepsi, The U.S. Mint and a credit card design for VISA. He has illustrated five children's books including The Random House Book of Greek Myth and has been featured on numerous magazine and catalog covers. He has received many awards including Print and The Society of Illustrators. He now has his own print publishing business and has sold over 80,000 prints of his work worldwide. More of his work can be seen at www.orensherman.com

The MTA Arts for Transit Poster Program, created in 1991, provides opportunities for artists to display their artwork throughout the transit network. Each year, Arts for Transit selects approximately three artists to create transit-related imagery with the theme of "the MTA Network."

The artwork is reproduced into about 1,500 posters and displayed in unused advertising space on the platforms of subway and train stations. Additionally, the posters are available for sale at the MTA New York Transit Museum store or online at www.transitmuseumstore.com. To view the posters collection, access the website: www.mta.info/mta/aft.

MTA Arts for Transit strives to encourage the use of mass transit and to enhance the transit experience for the customer through its many programs including the Permanent Art program, Lightbox and Poster programs and Music Under New York. Many artists, as well as the Poster Program itself, have received recognition and won various awards over the years from organizations such as the Society of Illustrators, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

