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Celebrate Baby Pomp's 212th Birthday with a New Art Exhibit at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

The North Dakota Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center in Washburn will open its latest art exhibit, *Brush Scholar: The Lewis & Clark Paintings of Michael Haynes*, with a reception Saturday, February 11, at 3:00 pm. Because Sacagawea's son, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau or "Pomp" was born this day in 1805, cake and other refreshments will be offered in honor of the double occasion.

Michael Haynes has gained national recognition for paintings that combine compelling imagery with a deep reliance upon historical scholarship. Because his work has been embraced by documentary filmmakers, museums, interpretive centers, and the National Park Service, it has had considerable influence.

"Before Michael Haynes, Americans thought of Lewis and Clark as grizzled mountain men just struggling to get to the Pacific and back," says the center's Interpretive Coordinator Robert Hanna. "Michael showed that they were a disciplined military unit, they were scientists documenting the West, and they were part of the Enlightenment."

The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, now celebrating 20 years in operation, has become a major part of central North Dakota's burgeoning arts scene with several unique exhibits every year. Other exhibits in 2017 will include *The Northern Plains National Heritage Area Suite*, a show by Minot expressionist painter Walter Piehl and other artists celebrating the history of the Northern Plains. *Hometown Retrospective: Washburn Art Through the Years* will reveal Washburn's remarkable art legacy with works by several generations of artists.

Admission is included in the normal entry fee to the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and free for members of the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation. All students receive free admission as well thanks to a grant from the MDU Resources Foundation. The exhibit sponsored by the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation and Basin Electric Power Cooperative runs through June 25.

The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center is located 40 miles north of Bismarck at the intersection of US 83 and ND 200A in Washburn.

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