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### **Art Piece Celebrates 125 Year History of Notre Dame Football**

Tim Cortes, one of the nation's premier photo realism sports artists, was commissioned by Notre Dame to create a panoramic history celebrating 125 years of proud football tradition. Familiar faces including Rockne, The Four Horsemen, Parseghian, and Holtz stand out in the artwork along with the traditional campus landmarks, Touchdown Jesus and the Golden Dome. "The goal of the project was to create a panoramic history of one of the most iconic football programs in the country" said Cortes, who has created artwork for the Minnesota Twins, Hall of Famer Reggie White and Brett Hull, to name a few.

The original art piece, titled "Honor and Tradition," is hand-drawn using *prisma-color* pencil and is five feet long and one foot in height. The panoramic will be divided into six separate images to be used on the Notre Dame football game day program covers. Tim Cortes Studios is offering limited edition prints as well as canvas giclees on their website – [timcortesart.com](http://timcortesart.com). They are working on special editions signed by former players and coaches.

The opportunity to create these art pieces for one of the premier football programs has not been overlooked by the former collegiate hockey player, who traded in his goalie stick for a pencil. Cortes will be in South Bend next week during the Michigan game displaying the original artwork and taking orders for a piece he believes captures the pride and tradition of Notre Dame. "My hope is that the University, the Alumni, and the fans of Notre Dame Football will enjoy the finished artwork as much as I did when creating this tribute to their legendary program."

Tim will be exhibiting the original art piece at the Kickoff Luncheon on Friday, September 21st at the Joyce Center and Fan Fest on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, also at the Joyce Center. Orders can now be placed online at [timcortesart.com](http://timcortesart.com).