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LOS ANGELES – September 19, 2010 – How else to honor the Trojan Marching Band’s one-of-a-kind director of 40 years than with an equally unique tribute: an art exhibit. This Sunday, September 26, The Spirit of Troy will present “The Art of The Man on the Ladder,” celebrating Dr. Arthur C. Bartner’s unprecedented career with paintings and photography from the new hardcover book dedicated to him.

The exhibit is presented in the Trojan Family Room of USC’s newly-opened Ronald Tutor Campus Center. It’s a multimedia look at the best photographs from the past four decades along with paintings by the band’s official artist Robert W. Jensen. Jensen, with writer Keith Walker, produced a 200-page hardcover book that plumbed the band’s extensive archives to tell Dr. Bartner’s story in pictures.

“I’m a big fan of the visual arts so this exhibit is very special to me,” says Dr. Bartner. “I’m so happy to share this unique multimedia experience with students and alumni in such a beautiful venue. It’s an honor.”

This Sunday, guests can tour the exhibit and the brand-new $136 million Tutor Campus Center. In nearby Associates Park, Jensen will speak about his over two decades of painting the band and Dr. Bartner will sign copies of the book, which will be available for sale. Drinks and hors d’oeuvres will be served and The Spirit of Troy will perform a concert.

As an added bonus, each guest will receive a signed, limited edition lithograph of The Man on the Ladder logo. Tickets are available for $25.00 for adults and $10.00 for children 13 and under. Patron packages are also available. RSVP information can be found at the band’s website, www.uscband.com.

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