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**JEFF A. MENGES TO EXHIBIT
"OCEANS OF IMAGINATION"**

**A collection of paintings and illustrations
exploring legends of the sea, real and imagined**

Northport, NY (November 2008) Jeff A. Menges, 20+year veteran of the fantasy illustration market, is exhibiting March 2-March 31, 2009 at the Northport Public Library. The Library and its gallery are located at 151 Laurel Avenue, in Northport, NY.

Three quarters of our planet is covered by ocean. Water represents a barrier, a means of travel, and a "great unknown"—all at once. It has been a source of myth as long as man has told tales. Its depths still hold true mystery.

"I find myself drawn to these stories of the sea, and that is reflected in many of the images I choose to create. Though my subject range is broader, I tend to enjoy it the most when pirates, merfolk, or sea serpents are involved. More than two decades into a career in illustration, I do not believe that any other single theme recurs in my work more than that of the sea."—Jeff A. Menges

This show contains over twenty-five images from legend, myth, and history, with the sea as a common element. From the lighthouse at Alexandria, to phantom ships on open water, to Kipling's *Captains Courageous*, these visuals explore the depths of the ocean, above and below.

An original artist for Hasbro's *Magic: The Gathering*[™], White Wolf's *Vampire*, the *Eternal Struggle*[™], and Atlas Games' *Pieces of Eight*, Jeff has contributed his talent to scores of game products and fantasy publications since 1987. He has edited more than a dozen published collections of fairy-tale art, Victorian painting, and Golden Age illustration, and received a Masters degree in illustration from FIT in 2007.

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