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JOHN GRISHAM JOINS THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Best-selling author teams up with 2003 members of the St. Louis Cardinals for exclusive sneak preview

WALNUT CREEK, California – March 26, 2003 – Best selling author, John Grisham, Tony La Russa, members the 2003 St. Louis Cardinals and Cardinals Hall of Famers will host an exclusive reception and private screening of Mr. Grisham's "A Painted House". This motion picture is based on the author's book that was inspired by Mr. Grisham's own childhood in rural Arkansas. The riveting story is seen from the eyes of a seven-year-old boy on a cotton farm in the early 1950's.

Spend Thursday evening, April 17, 2003 at the distinguished Chase Park Plaza in downtown St. Louis for what promises to be a truly memorable evening. The reception will be held in the Khorassan Ballroom beginning at 6:00P followed by a private screening in The Chase Cinema at 8:00P. A silent auction will also be conducted, featuring many one-of-a-kind St. Louis Cardinals memorabilia. Limited seating is available for \$250.00 per person and is available by calling 800-567-1ARF.

Funds raised from this private screening will help ARF rescue, rehabilitate and place homeless animals. Alongside these traditional humane goals however, ARF also has programs that address the social service and pet assistance needs of vulnerable populations such as victims of violence and terminally ill individuals, and pet assisted therapy at acute care and senior care facilities.

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