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The Art of Brian Selznick on display at the InfoZone News Museum

PUEBLO – “From Houdini to Hugo: The Art of Brian Selznick” opens at the InfoZone News Museum at the Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., on June 2. In celebration of Selznick’s art, PCCLD and the InfoZone News Museum will hold a grand opening event complete with crafts, refreshments and movies. At 1 p.m., visitors can enjoy refreshments as they make masks at a Brian Selznick-themed craft program. *Hugo* (PG) will also be shown at 2 p.m in the InfoZone Movie Theatre. “From Houdini to Hugo: The Art of Brian Selznick” will be on display in the InfoZone from June 2 through Aug. 1.

Selznick is most notable for the children’s books *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, *the Houdini Box*, *The Boy of a Thousand Faces*, *The Doll People*, Andrew Clements books and many more. Selznick’s stories take readers on exciting adventures to places unknown. Selznick has been a recipient of a number of awards including the 2008 Caldecott Medal and National Book Award Finalist for *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, a 2002 Caldecott Honor Book for *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*, an ALA notable Children’s Book for *Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride*.

While Selznick’s parents encouraged him in his artistic endeavors, the schools of his hometown of East Brunswick, New Jersey, offered a notable art program, supplemented with additional art lessons outside the school setting. His achievements landed him at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design. Upon graduation, he took a direct route to learn about the children’s literature by working at Manhattan’s Eeyore’s Books for Children. Selznick wrote and illustrated his first book, *The Houdini Box* (1991). After the publication of *The Houdini Box*, he enjoyed successful collaborations with authors such as Pam Conrad, Andrew Clements and Pamela Munoz Ryan. Selznick renders his illustrations in pencil on watercolor paper, while using acrylics for illustrations for the cover art.

The InfoZone News Museum is a division of the Pueblo City-County Library District. All events are free and open to the public. The museum's mission is to provide broader knowledge of news and information. The museum focuses on journalism, the First Amendment, historic news and current events that affect our world. For more information about the InfoZone News Museum or its events, call (719) 562-5604.

From Houdini to Hugo: The Art of Brian Selznick is a traveling exhibit organized by the National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature.

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