

Autodesk Unveils Winner of SketchBook Hero Image Contest

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Winner's Digital Painting to Be Featured as Splash Screen for Autodesk SketchBook Mobile App

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Autodesk, Inc. (NASDAQ:ADSK) named artist Luis Peso the winner of the company's recent SketchBook Hero Image Contest. The contest called for images created with Autodesk SketchBook digital painting and drawing products.

Peso's winning submission "Progress" will be the splash screen for <u>Autodesk SketchBook Mobile</u> -- an application that has been downloaded more than two million times. Peso is based in Spain and used Autodesk SketchBook Pro for iPad to create his winning image. He is a professional goldsmith/silversmith, but spends his free time sketching and is a member of the International Association of Mobile Digital Artists.

SketchBook users submitted digital paintings and drawings created with Autodesk SketchBook products, used for illustration on desktops, laptops and mobile devices, including SketchBook Pro, Sk

Chris Bradshaw, senior vice president and chief marketing officer at Autodesk, said, "We congratulate Luis on his fantastic winning entry, and we were incredibly impressed overall by the diversity and creativity we saw from the members of the SketchBook community around the world who participated."

"I love the professional quality of SketchBook Pro for iPad app. The color wheel and brushes allow me to try new textures and effects, giving me a new medium to paint," said contest winner, Peso. "I've been drawing since I was a kid, and the transition to digital fingerpainting allows me to more actively engage in my passion."

<u>Autodesk SketchBook Pro</u> software helps enable both professional and amateur artists to create rich digital artwork with powerful sketching tools. <u>Autodesk SketchBook Mobile</u> and <u>Autodesk SketchBook Pro for iPad</u> can enable users to create the same high-quality artwork directly from their mobile devices. The latest addition to the product line, <u>Autodesk SketchBook Designer</u>, enables professional designers and artists to use a hybrid paint and vector workflow for design illustration.

To learn more about the contest and to view the winning submission, visit www.autodesk.com/sketchbookhero.

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Editorial Note: A new video interview with automotive designer Mike Smith about digital sketching with Autodesk SketchBook Pro is available on the Autodesk YouTube Channel.

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