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Corel® Painter™ IX Now Available

Painter IX Offers Creative Professionals Unmatched Speed and Incredible Possibilities

London, UK – 19 October 2004 – Corel today announced that Corel® Painter™ IX, the world's most powerful Natural-Media® painting and illustration software, is now available across North America, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

Corel Painter IX enables commercial designers, photographers, and professional artists to use their natural talents and techniques to create breathtaking works of art. This highly sophisticated painting and illustration application captures the intricate nuances of traditional art tools while taking advantage of the incredible power of digital media. It is the must-have software for creative professionals, whether they're in film making, game development, commercial design, illustration, photography, or fine arts.

“Corel Painter IX takes creativity to new heights by empowering creative professionals to use the skills and techniques they've developed in the traditional world, while enjoying the incredible benefits of digital media. Whether they are designing commercial illustrations, painting portraits, or developing concept art for feature films and video games, professional artists turn to Painter to create stunning masterpieces,” said Nick Davies, General Manager Graphics for Corel.

Performance and Productivity

Incredible performance boosts include: significantly improved speed, new and enhanced Brush Control Palettes, Frames-per-Second Control, and Customizable Shortcut Keys.

Creativity

Professional users can extend their creative possibilities with new enhancements including: the Artists' Oils Painting System, Snap-to-Path Painting, improved Digital Watercolor, and Quick Clone.

Compatibility

Corel Painter IX is more compatible with other professional technologies than ever before, offering enhanced Adobe® Photoshop® support, enhanced Wacom® support (including the Wacom Intuos3), and enhanced Color Management.

Learning

With a revitalized User Guide; the Painter IX Handbook (including tutorials from leading creative professionals); access to free training videos from lynda.com; and academic courseware specifically designed for educators; getting started with Corel Painter IX is easier than ever!

Pricing and Availability

The English version of Corel Painter IX is now available in North America, the United Kingdom, and Australia through Corel and select partners. Suggested retail pricing for Corel Painter IX is £249 / €379 / \$US429 full edition, £99 / €149 / \$229 for upgrade and £59 / €84 / \$US99 for the education edition (excl.VAT). The French, Italian, German and Japanese language versions of Painter IX will be available early 2005.

About Corel Corporation

Corel Corporation provides innovative software solutions that help millions of value-conscious businesses and consumers in over 75 countries improve their productivity. Corel is best known for its graphics, office and personal productivity solutions, including the CorelDRAW® Graphics Suite, the WordPerfect® Office Suite and the Corel Painter Natural-Media® painting and illustration software. Corel was acquired by San Francisco-based Vector Capital in August 2003, and since that time, has achieved record levels of profitability and growth across all product lines. Founded in 1985, Corel is headquartered in Ottawa, Canada. For more information, please visit www.corel.com.

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