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EXPEDITION ARTIST SAILS FROM MOZAMBIQUE ABOARD 6TH CENTURY BC BOAT

Los Angeles – Expedition Artist Danielle Eubank joins *Phoenicia*, a 6th Century BC replica Phoenician sail boat, as *Phoenicia* continues its circumnavigation of Africa, the first time a boat like this has attempted the journey in 2,500 years. The wooden vessel, built using ancient techniques and materials, is currently in the pirated waters off Somalia.

Eubank joins *Phoenicia* in Mozambique next month where she will sketch, paint, and photograph the expedition. As crew member she has been working with expedition originator Philip Beale who also captains the vessel. Eubank has been documenting the expedition through her art for a year and a half.

The crew seeks to rewrite history by proving that the ancient Phoenicians were the first people to circumnavigate Africa, as recorded by the Father of History, Herodotus. The ship was built in the Mediterranean, ancestral home of the Phoenicians, and has traveled through the Suez Canal, the Gulf of Aden and is currently heading south around the Horn of Africa. She will continue around the Cape of Good Hope, up the Atlantic and finish in the Mediterranean in 2010.

The *Phoenicia* crew is currently on high alert due to the risk of a potential attack from Somali pirates. The expedition has put in place a piracy policy and is taking up-to-date advice from relevant security and coalition forces.

Danielle Eubank, an artist whose renderings of the world's oceans bestride the line between realism and abstraction, will display her full collection of *Phoenicia* paintings at journey's end.

"It is a tremendous expedition. I am confident that *Phoenicia* can make it past the pirated waters, around the Cape and complete the journey. Painting the interplay of light on water is thrilling and challenging. Adventure intensifies the experience. While on board, I will be working with the rest of the crew to man the ship so that water becomes not just my artistic subject, but my home environment 24 hours per day."

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For more information about the *Phoenicia* Expedition, please visit www.phoenicia.org.uk