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THE ART OF THE MARRIAGE PROPOSAL

OCEAN CITY, MD — *Sept. 7, 2015* — Ocean City was where Patrick Chandler and Kayla Slough of York, Pa. fell in love. When Chandler decided to pop the question to Slough, an art student, he wanted to propose at the resort surrounded by the art she loved.

He e-mailed Rina Thaler, director of the Ocean City Center for the Arts, asking for her help.

“I am trying to make my marriage proposal idea come to life,” Chandler wrote. “I had a painting done as a part of my proposal, as my girlfriend is just finishing art school and loves art. I wanted to have this piece of art "staged" at an art gallery somewhere so we would come upon it, and I'd mention something about how cool it was. It is a man on his knee proposing to a woman at the beach.

“Ocean City is where we fell in love,” he continued. “We will be in Ocean City Saturday, Sept. 5th thru Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Is there any way possible that your art center could help me achieve this?”

Thaler was more than happy to help. On Sunday, the Arts Center staff placed Chandler's painting on an easel, played along when he and his girlfriend arrived for a casual walk through the gallery, and was there to record the moment when he got down on his knee.

Slough said “yes.”

The Ocean City Center for the Arts is located on 94th St. bayside in Ocean City. More information is available at www.artleagueofoceancity.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

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EDITORS: In a surprise but preplanned move, Patrick Chandler of York, Pa. proposed marriage to his girlfriend, Kayla Slough, an art student, at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on Sunday. Slough said “yes.”