

Artist Depicts Obama as Christ Crucified

Entertainer Jamie Foxx recently in public declared President Barack Obama to be our “Lord and savior.” An artist has now taken the bold declaration a step further as an obvious attack on Christianity.

Michael D’Antuono’s painting, “The Truth,” originally scheduled to be shown in New York’s City’s Union Square in 2009 but whose display was cancelled due to public outcry from Christian groups, is finally seeing the light of day at the Bunker Hill Community College Art Gallery in Boston.

The painting, depicting Obama posed as Jesus Christ on a cross including a crown of thorns on his head with his outstretched arms pulling back curtains to unveil the presidential seal, is part of an exhibit called “Artists on the Stump, The Road to the White House 2012. The exhibit will be held at Bunker Hill through Dec. 15.

D’Antuono told Fox News his patience has paid off and that the display is vindication for him.

“I always regretted cancelling my exhibit in New York because I feel my First Amendment rights should override someone’s hurt feelings,” he said. “We should celebrate the fact that we live in a country where we are given the freedom to express ourselves.

“(It) has afforded me the ability to right a wrong.”

In the interview with Fox News, D’Antuono rebuffed critics and conservative media who say the painting is blasphemous and who tried “to promote the idea that liberals believe the president literally to be our savior.”

"The crucifixion of the president was meant metaphorically," he said. "My intent was not to compare him to Jesus."

Former presidential hopeful Herman Cain, who has more than 200,000 followers on Twitter, tweeted on Monday, "Yesterday we had Jamie Foxx saying that Obama was our 'lord and savior.' Today, we have the picture to prove it."