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Author Tom Collins Takes Break From Murder and Mayhem To Take a Selfie

"Selfie," defined as a photograph that one has taken of oneself, was the 2013 Oxford Dictionary international word of the year. The city of Nashville and the **Tennessee State Museum**, along with author **Tom Collins** and **AK Llamas**, a team of artists that use their work to call attention to current cultural trends, embraced the word with inspiring and applied creativity over the last few weeks.



AK Llamas' "*#NashvilleSelfie*" project incorporated 100 selfie photos of residents of Music City that were printed onto t-shirts and hung on Deaderick Avenue as a modern public art installation. As a distinguished contributor to the literary community and a Tennessee resident and native, author **Tom Collins** was invited to participate in this project.

"The '*#NashvilleSelfie*' project celebrates the community by celebrating its faces," said Collins. "The community is both the art and the spectator."

As the author of the successful Nashville based *Mark Rollins* murder mystery series, Collins is no stranger to current cultural trends in Music City. His selfie appropriately included him with one of his five self-penned books. Collins remarked, "it was an honor and great fun for me to be one of the selfies in AK Llamas' 2014 art event."

AK Llamas, however, is not the only organization recognizing Collins' impressive achievements as of late. When hosting a seminar at the Williamson County Library earlier this summer, Honorable State Representative **Glen Casada** surprised Collins with an official proclamation from the Tennessee House, recognizing his fiction and non-fiction contributions to the literary community.



About Tom Collins: Tom Collins is one of the pioneers of the information technology industry and the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the use of technology in the legal community. His business successes include Juris, Inc., one of the top providers of financial and business information systems for multi-attorney law firms, which was purchased by LexisNexis® in 2007. The London-based publication Citytech called him an "outstanding individual and visionary" when he was named as one of the Top 100 Global Tech Leaders in the legal community. Now a retiree from the commercial world and a cancer survivor, Collins continues to write and speak on the subject of business leadership while also penning his Mark Rollins adventure mystery series.

For more information about Tom Collins and his literary compositions, visit his website: www.i65n.com.

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