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### Harry Wright

Wright was a baseball pioneer as the player/manager of the undefeated 1869 Red Stocking Ball Club, baseball's first professional team.

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### Barry Larkin

A native Cincinnati, Larkin was the Reds' last captain, an MVP winner and member of the 1990 World Series Championship team.

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### Johnny Vander Meer

Vander Meer is the only pitcher in Major League history to toss back-to-back no-hitters and was a member of the 1940 World Series Championship team.

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### Eric Davis

A talent with a mix of speed and power, Davis set the tone of the 1990 World Series with a home run off of A's pitcher Dave Stewart in Game 1.

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### Chris Sabo

Sabo's trademark goggles and all-out hustle made him a fan favorite as 1988 Rookie of the Year and a member of the 1990 World Series championship team.

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### Ernie Lombardi

A Hall of Fame catcher and NL MVP, Lombardi was the first backstop to win two batting titles, a record that stood for almost 60 years.

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### Paul Derringer

Derringer joined with fellow righty Bucky Walters to anchor Cincinnati's pitching staff for back-to-back pennant winners in 1939 and 1940.

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### Ewell Blackwell

Known as "The Whip" due to his skinny build and sidearm delivery, Blackwell was a six-time All-Star and came within two outs of duplicating Vander Meer's double no-hitter feat.

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### Joe Morgan

A Hall of Fame second baseman, Morgan took home back-to-back NL MVP awards during the Big Red Machine's 1975-76 championship seasons.

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### Sparky Anderson

Anderson, known as "the Main Spark" and "Captain Hook" among other nicknames, managed the Big Red Machine to a pair of World Series Championships.

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### Joe Nuxhall

The most beloved figure in Reds history, "The Ol' Lefthander" made his debut at the record age of 15 and later teamed with Marty Brennaman in the radio booth.

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### Tony Perez

Affectionately dubbed "Doggie," Perez was the Hall of Fame first baseman who served as the glue in the middle of the Big Red Machine's lineup.

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### Johnny Bench

Considered by many to be the greatest catcher to ever play the game, Bench revolutionized the position as a superb defender and powerful hitter.

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### Ted Kluszewski

Famous for showing off his bulging arms with a sleeveless uniform, "Big Klu" clubbed 40 or more homers in three straight seasons from 1953-55.

## REDSLAND FOREVER

In making this picture, “Redsland Forever,” I have tried to capture a sliver of the spirit, pride and love Cincinnati has for our Redlegs. We are America’s first professional team. The 140-year history of the Cincinnati Reds has given so many in our community thrills, joy, heartbreak, pandemonium, sadness, happiness, glee, suffering, amazement and good times with the kids. The Cincinnati Reds also have given us players we have come to know and admire. The affection for this team is real.

I love baseball. I love the history of baseball. And, I love the Cincinnati Reds.

I have always wanted to do a picture grouping Cincinnati Reds from years gone by with Reds of the present, a kind of “Field of Dreams” image of Reds ballplayers. When this opportunity arose to create a picture for the Cincinnati Art Museum and the Cincinnati Reds, the planets seemed to line up. The only question was, “How do you pick the players to appear in the picture?” With a history dating back to 1869, the Reds have a lot of players and fan favorites that have to be considered. I have my own. In the end, it was a matter of some who needed to be in due to championship teams they were associated with, some because of historic relevance, some were hometown favorites and some were just great characters with great personalities and faces.

The composition dictated much of the final cuts of who stayed in the picture and who didn’t make it.

There is no doubt that some will wonder why this player or that player didn’t make the final image.

What I hope won’t be questioned is the spirit and affection that was felt in the creation of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CF Payne', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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