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Local Gallery Celebrates Fifth Anniversary by “Painting for Change”

Colorado Springs, CO – October marks the fifth anniversary of Colorado Springs’ Hunter-Wolff Gallery and a time when giving means as much as celebrating to the gallery.

Owner Sharon Wolff asked thirty-some artists to contribute to a body of work to mark this special milestone. “Some of the work will have extra special meaning to commemorate 10/10 either by the size of the artwork, the title, or perhaps the time of day the work was created or represents. We are all very excited to celebrate what we have accomplished in five years together and look forward to a bright future as the gallery of choice for art collectors.” Wolff continued by explaining that one of the artists, Marlene Kort, chose to create a combination of ten paintings inspired by a recent trip to Zambia, Africa, where she made a promise to a hopeful group of Zambian children.

Kort and her family were struck with compassion for the many orphaned school-age children in the small village of Mfuwe, Zambia, and moved by their desire for learning and a better life. The current school consists of one room in a church, one teacher and a simple chalkboard. There are more children than chairs, no desks, few books and virtually no teaching aids, snacks or supplies. Kort made a promise to these wide-eyed boys and girls that as an artist she will help them by “Painting for Change”.

Hunter-Wolff Gallery agreed to help Kort with her promise and was eager to kick-off the project on their anniversary. “By offering sales proceeds from Marlene’s “Painting for Change” series is the best way for us to help,” said gallery owner Sharon Wolff. Kort is building a collection of paintings inspired by this impoverished but beautiful country and will offer four paintings on October 1. All purchases and proceeds from a silent auction will benefit the children’s Chiyembekezo School. Kort’s ten-piece grouping mounted on a metal gate, “Chitenge Gate to Hope”, symbolizes the beautiful patterned fabrics worn by the local women with a gateway to hope for the children. Visitors can view all the pieces prior to October 1 but silent bids for “Chitenge Gate to Hope” will not be accepted until October 1.

Kort says, “I am very grateful that Hunter-Wolff Gallery is supportive and willing to donate their portion of profits to the little school. The cards are stacked against these children. Life expectancy is 38 years, 86% of Zambians live below the international poverty line of \$1 a day, and 23% of the children are orphans. Only about 57% of the children ever have the opportunity to go to school. This is a cause that my family and I strongly believe in and it is wonderful to have the gallery’s support.”

Hunter-Wolff Gallery will unveil its “10/10 Exhibit” collection on October 1 from 5:30-8:30 pm. The public is invited to participate in the silent auction during the entire month of October by visiting or contacting the gallery at 719-520-9494.

More than 30 fine artists exhibit at Hunter-Wolff Gallery at 2510 W. Colorado Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO and can be viewed on www.hunterwolffgallery.com. More details at 719-520-9494.

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