

World Tour “Far And Near Horizons” Coming To Orlando, Florida.

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Contemporary landscape artists creating environmental awareness, stewardship and appreciation for landscape painting.

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5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Exhibit runs through January 2, 2009

The world tour “Far and Near Horizons” is an international art exhibit organized by two of the world’s foremost contemporary Landscape Painting groups – Landscape Artists International (LAI) and International Plein Air Painters (IPAP). IPAP members specialize in landscape paintings done entirely en plein air (outside), while LAI members paint landscapes in both plein air and studio settings. While the outlooks and temperaments are slightly different, the commonality of all the artists involved is a passion for painting nature’s landscape. It is a unique gathering of plein air and landscape artists using different painting mediums and representing five countries.

“The mission of the tour is to act as a bridge between countries of the world to foster environmental awareness,” says “Far and Near” founder Linda Richichi. “The art on the canvas becomes a universal language and acts as an ambassador between different cultures. Art is a bridge, bringing us together.”

“As artists,” states Michael Chesley Johnson, past Director, “there’s a reason why we paint the landscape and not the figure, still life or some other subject. The landscape feeds our creative fire. Thankful for its inspiration, we are eager to see that it gets taken care of. And the best way to see that it gets taken care of is to put it on display for the entire world to see. Our hope is that our paintings will encourage others to become stewards of the land – just as we have become its promoters.”

“I am thrilled to be able to bring this exciting group of artist’s work to the Orlando area ” states Brenda Hofreiter, Florida Host “The show’s environmental mission has allowed the artists to pull together, combining their resources, talents and personal contacts in order to make this tour possible. In doing so, they overcome prejudices of technique, medium, location and competitiveness and honor a vision of the world that sustains and inspires us all. May these artistic visions of peace, beauty and order in the natural world inspire your life as they have ours.”

The Far and Near Horizons World Tour launched its tour in June 2007 at the Karpeles Museum in Newburgh, NY, and St. Augustine Gallery in St. Augustine, FL, and planned several stops in the 2008-2009 seasons. Cities currently exhibited are: Door County, WI (April-May), Estes Park, CO (June-July), Qualicum Beach, Vancouver, BC, Canada (July-August) and Terrace Gallery, Orlando, FL (Sept 2008-January 2009).

For more information about the World Tour of Contemporary Landscape Artists – Far and Near Horizons, it's artists and additional venues, visit: http://www.l-a-i.com/World_Tour/about.html

About International Plein Air Painters – International Plein Air Painters (IPAP) is a blanket organization created for the sole purpose of advancing the execution and enjoyment of plein air painting without the restrictions and limitations of borders or regions. For more information or membership, visit <http://www.i-p-a-p.com>.

"Plein Air painting is a metaphysical skill capable of letting the viewer 'be there in the moment' when viewing the painting." says Founder and Director – J.R. Baldini

About Landscape Artists International – LAI is a collective effort by member artists from around the globe to increase the appreciation of landscape-oriented art by people of all walks of life, and to promote the careers of the member artists. For more information, visit www.l-a-i.com.

Founder and Director – Karl Leitzel

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