



Detail from "Simeon's Moment" By DiCianni

Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts Foundation

Visually communicating Christ to culture through fine art

Winter 2009 Illuminator
Torch Bearer and Patron's update



The Vision.....

Why we do what we do

"Realizing that we live in a sight and sound driven culture, Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts seeks to "go into all the world", through the means of visuals. The chosen vehicle is exhibits in major cities and public places of master works of fine art created by lead artists, both historic and present day, which convey God's love, truth, beauty and plan for redemption. We seek to give hope to the lost, encouragement to the fellowship of Believers, and through workshops and conferences to equip emerging artists for the glory of God.

[Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts mission statement](#)

Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas features art from "Let There Be Light"

Out of the ashes of a fire that destroyed the Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas several years ago is a newly remodeled state of the art museum in Texas. They share the passion for art that can clearly communicate the Biblical message. Their staff and followers became delightful partners with us as we hosted the "Let There Be Light" at Galleria Pierra last spring in Dallas as they were awaiting the completion of their new facility. Over the years they have hosted thousands of visi-

tors from all over the world. Now that they have reopened in their amazing new facility, they generously offered to display rotating works of the "Let There Be Light" exhibit in the new museum this fall and next spring. This is a great honor for us and our artists in this world class facility.

We appreciate the generosity and help of the museum's director Scott Peck and Val Robinson, and look forward to the continuing impact of these pieces while displayed there.

Thomas Blackshear Headlines the May's Christian Artists Conference

As we continue our 5th year of our "Paint with the Masters" series at the beautiful Box R Ranch in So. Oregon we will be joined by Master artists **Thomas Blackshear, Chris Hopkins, and Frank Ordaz**. We have the opportunity to train emerging artists to do their art to the glory of God while at the same time offer technical training by the best of the best amongst contemporary Christian artists. "It's like a person who is the President coming to our own backyard for a BBQ", said Karen-Cain Smith to a group of fellow artists as she described this huge opportunity coming this May. (cont.)

Atlanta and Paris in 2010

Never in my 35 years as a Christian have I experienced more opportunities to have direct conversations about Christ with seekers than in this traveling exhibit setting. While the exhibit genuinely gives encouragement to the fellowship of Believers, it is uniquely and critically a warm and inviting pre-church experience for many who will not come into a church to hear about the hope we have in Christ. For a large number of our

guests this is the only "Bible" they have ever read. So prayerfully we are planning the "Let There Be Light" journey in Atlanta and Paris in 2010.

I just returned from Atlanta where many local partners, including schools and churches, are excited and willing to help make this happen. We've identified our location of choice in a high traffic retail and event civic center and are awaiting the lead of 2 - 3 key financial partnerships

that can give the "Let There Be Light" the nod we need to commit to come. We have one donor ready to match other gifts up to \$5000. Recently our board decided we must obtain these lead partners for each city that begin with us a joint venture of faith. We are targeting to open Easter weekend.

Looking forward as we plan the tour's finale in Paris I keep hearing the words of a young high



"Forgiven"

By Thomas Blackshear



and pray now about becoming a lead partner in that quest with us for Paris or Atlanta. Let There Be Light!

Jeanne Randall,

Atlanta and Paris cont.

school student from Paris who stayed with our family this summer. She said she does not know a single other high school student who loves God in her school or town. "This art" she said, "would speak to them about God in a way the French would understand". She and her family have become lead partners

with us in the task of reaching this very secular nation for Christ in the language of visual images.

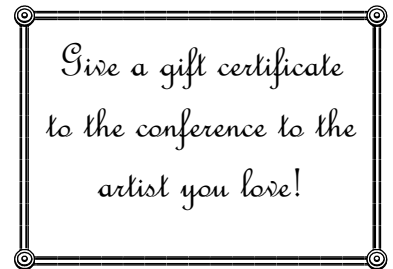
As we plan toward Paris next fall pray God will use these works to bring hope to the lost and be the beginning of a spiritual renaissance there in the city of light that will spread throughout Europe. Think

May Artists Conference (cont.)

The opportunity for close relationship, personal critique and spiritual encouragement by these Master artists is such unique. They have been the trail blazers making a way for generations after

them to become involved in producing and displaying art to the glory of God.

Registration begins January 1st for the 3 night 4 day conference at our website or



Give a gift certificate to the conference to the artist you love!

at www.boxrranch.com
Share this information with an artist you know.

Give a gift of Art this Christmas

Original art or an art print is a lasting gift that will be loved and appreciated for many many years. Choose from the works of several "Let There Be Light" artists enclosed in our gift flyer. Many of the original "Let There Be Light" paintings and sculptures are also now for sale at a 10% discount. All proceeds help the continuance of the "Let There Be Light" 5 city tour.

More gifts at www.mcfineartsfoundation.org!

Board of Directors

— These financial times are challenging for many boards navigating through changing circumstances. An exhibit in each city costs approximately \$50,000. God can continue to provide for His work through His people and His means in His time. In that we have His peace! Thank you for your service!

President, Jeanne Randall Members: Chris Hopkins Jennifer Hawk

Vice President, Steve Hopkins Ron DiCianni Dennis Lewis

Executive director, Kim Ragsdale

Let There Be Light :

2008: Los Angeles, Seattle

2009: Dallas

2010: Atlanta and Paris

We are grateful!



Thank you to those who have given generously and to those who have become torch bearers willing to give a gift of \$25 or more 2 or 3 times a year as "Let There Be Light" gets ready to launch to a new location. Your gift helps to uniquely communicate Christ to culture through fine art. These gifts collectively have enabled us to continue our look toward Atlanta in 2010.

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