

The Peace Angels Project & the Art of Lin Evola-Smidt



Mayor Bloomberg



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On November 15, 2006, the Art4Love Gallery will host the solo exhibition of Lin Evola, Tragedy to Transformation. Art4Love is located in Manhattan at 45 East 20th Street, 9th floor. The exhibition displays a provocative collecting of drawings depicting human metamorphoses.

Lin Evola is the artist and founder of the Peace Angels Project. The Peace Angels Project erases man-made boundaries among people of the world, spearheading a multi-phase plan that offers humanity a viable option to move with dignity into a truly united human race. Art is used as the inspiration to tip the balance towards peace, turning "swords into plowshares", as weapons from neighborhoods and nations are gathered, melted down and cast into magnificent thirty-foot sculptures called Peace Angels. It is during the process of transforming weapons of violence into icons for peace that true transformation is manifested throughout our world.

The Peace Angels Project is a non-profit organization that stands steadfast in the stillness of peacemaking. The New York City based organization began in 1992, and unites community, art and media by ceremoniously gathering weapons such as hand guns, machine guns, land mines and decommissioned nuclear missile casings. Nineteen magnificent Peace Angel sculptures and monuments, in the tradition of Leonardo da Vinci, will be created through a unique and proprietary process. These icons will stand thirty feet tall, and are exclusively designed for each location, reflecting the culture and people that are indigenous to that land. Each Peace Angel site has been chosen based upon the historic human struggle between war and peace that has taken place in that location.

The power and inspiration of the Peace Angels Project was demonstrated immediately in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. A thirteen-foot Peace Angel was placed in Lower Manhattan near the World Trade Center site. As it stood in front of Nino's Restaurant, a commemorative ceremony was held. Spontaneously police officers, fire fighters and rescue workers who were laboring at the devastated site signed their names on the base of the sculpture. This sculpture has now become the Project's "Ambassador" and will forever stand in solidarity as a

symbol of peace and of hope. The World Trade Center Museum, upon completion, is planned to be the permanent home of the New York Renaissance Peace Angel.

"I am glad to know of endeavors like yours to... advance world peace." President William J. Clinton

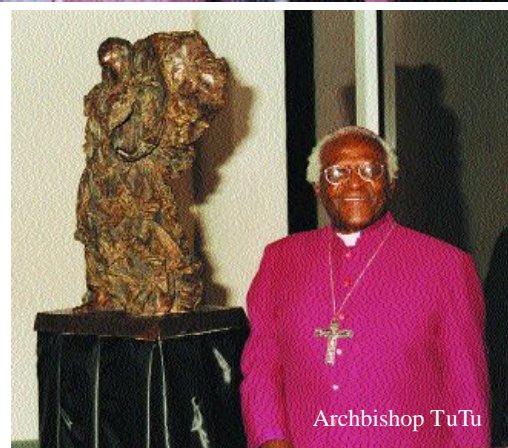
The New York Peace Angel team includes: members of law enforcement; politicians; Todd Spehler of Infusion Capital; Robert Oppenheimer of CoreBusinessOne; Stephen Adler of Charity Brands; James Cavello of Westwood Gallery; Richard Rubenstein of Rubenstein Public Relations; Alex Conti of Northwest Mutual; Ed Cowle of Thorium Energy, Inc.; Douglas E. Castle, Mojave Jet Group, L.L.C.

Westwood Gallery is working with Lin Evola in planning and organizing a tour of museum exhibitions of the art of the Peace Angels Project. The understanding is that Lin Evola's work must be seen and championed by those who relate to its message of turning negative to positive through the arts. The art work will make a journey to museums, institutions of learning and public environments and eventually find permanent homes in sites where conflict has tried to overtake a community. James Cavello of Westwood Gallery will curate the exhibitions to include Evola's Peace Angel sculptures in addition to intricate drawings inspired by September 11th and the need for resolution to conflict. The exhibition focuses on allowing individuals to contemplate the work while absorbing the commitment of an artist who creates a beacon of hope and promise in an ever-changing world.

For further information on supporting the Peace Angels Project, please contact Stephen Adler, [HYPERLINK "mailto:sadler@charitybrands.com"](mailto:sadler@charitybrands.com)

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