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Internationally acclaimed Leo Klein presents art masterpiece to Tucson Waldorf teacher

TUCSON – Leo Klein, renowned Dutch artist and Waldorf educator displayed his new collection of oil pastel paintings last week at the Tucson Waldorf School. The theme of the collection centered around ambient beings and their ability to reach the viewer on a spiritual level. “We are deeply grateful for Mr. Klein’s kindness and generosity in donating this captivating painting to our school,” stated Michael Wright, 8th grade teacher at Tucson Waldorf, who received the painting entitled “The Castle.” The donated piece will showcase at the new Tucson Waldorf campus located at 3605 E. River Rd.

Klein began painting professionally after more than 40 years of teaching at Waldorf schools in the Netherlands. He is a self-taught artist with work displayed in private collections in many countries, as well as 150 pieces on loan in Europe, circulating through Dutch Waldorf schools. Klein also has experience working sculpturally with wood, wax and clay, and graphically with oil crayons. “Art connects our thinking and our deeds,” according to Klein. “It is an important part of our education, providing food for our feelings--it gives me pleasure to share my work with students and teachers of Waldorf schools.”

In addition to displaying his art during his travels, Klein directly mentors teachers and students, and also conducts artistic workshops. For the past 15 years, he has visited schools and training centers in Canada, The United States and the Czech Republic where he works with teachers and parents to deepen their understanding of children and appropriate education.

Klein, now in his 80’s, lives in Rotterdam with his wife, Ada who also works with sculpture and painting as a retired Waldorf teacher. Klein diligently creates new masterpieces during the summer months to showcase throughout the Netherlands and North America during the remainder of the year. "It is the task of art to change the world," commented Klein. “With every artwork, we create something in the world that does not get lost.”

To view some of Leo Klein’s work, visit <http://www.leoklein-adaklein.nl/>. If you are interested in viewing Klein’s work in person, contact Tucson Waldorf at (520) 325-5514 to be added to the mailing list to receive an invitation to next year’s display in April 2010.

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