## Prolonged exhibition featuring artwork of Jan van Gogh

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## **Carpathian dreams**



Exhibition of paintings from Jan van Gogh Hilton Hotel, Zeestraat 35 (1<sup>st</sup> floor), 2518 AA The Hague, the Netherlands Opening by his Excellency the Ukrainian ambassador, Feb 5, 2013.



van Gogh:

In 1992 was my first visit to the Ukraine as a member of the International Symposium of Glass Artists, held in Lviv.

Ukraine becomes for me an opening of another world, a world rich with history, traditions, folklore, and perception of the Ukrainian art: music, literature and poetry.

Since then, inscrutable power will captivate me to Lviv, the beautiful ancient European city, where in 1996 I meets my wife Catherine, a journalist by profession.

Back at that time I will feel Ukraine with whole my essence: in traveling around towns and villages, in communicating with interesting people.

And always, there are enjoyable meetings with my friends painters in the Bohemian workshops who pathetically call me "Our Van Gogh"

For ten years I have exhibited my paintings in Lviv Autumn Salon, which became international. So, it was in the Ukraine, where I find my colors, my new ideas: in real beauty, in ethos that lives in Ukraine and nourishes the soul with curative water.

*Notes that it is pride and honor for the rich Ukrainian to sponsor art projects in recognizing that the language of art – Eternal (or timeless)* 

And what more inspires me in my work – the Carpathians Carpathians – with its mountains and meadows, hutsul legends; Carpathians, which so brilliantly described Leopold von Sacher Mosach, writer of the 18th century, called "old German singer of Galicia", writer who was born in Lviv.

Carpathians for me are freedom, impetuously, colors, mysticism, impenetrable mystery, rhythms of life-giving

## dreams.



Creation of the artist Jan Van Gogh appears in two directions: the glass combined with bronze and painting. A main idea of painter's art is a hymn to grandeur and beauty of nature; appeal to protect the richess of nature from destruction.

Monumental, modern glass sculptures as "Woman-tree" metamorphosis "Borulka" (icicle), "Volograi" and many other glass compositions reveal image-associative thinking of the artist: impress with magical and sensual power, with lyricism and contradiction.

Melody of colors sounds of the paintings of Jan Van Gogh. The artist paints in abstract-symbolic form, expressive, emotionally rich.

Van Gogh's works leave space for personal interpretation and imagination of the viewer – especially those paintings from the series "The Carpathians" as "Trostyanytsya," "Dawn" (Svitanok) "Carpathian evening" and other works.

Flowering trees, flowers, snow, rain, dawn – by watching the beauty of nature Jan van Gogh reinvents and transforms it into his paintings. Color palette of the paintings by Jan Van Gogh uplifts over gray ordinariness, creating harmony.

The fate of the artist Jan van Gogh – like a challenge because one bis looking for Vincent Van Gogh in his work.

Someone finds, someone ponders over; someone wants to know for certain similarity of faces And someone just silently contemplates the paintings of Jan Van Gogh

Without any questions

Wandering through the exhibition we get a glance of van Gogh's world of thoughts .. of dreams

## His love for Mother Earth,

The joyful side where flowers explode of the canvas in vivid colours. Jan van Gogh creates his paintings with the vigour and energy of a newborn Spring



But also the worrying side, where Mother Nature is showing the scars of our destructive action.



Discover the landscape of the Ukraine in van Goghs' vigorous impressions, feel the changing of the seasons



The artist Jan van Gogh gives an explanation about his work



Follow Jan van Gogh in the footsteps of his famous namesake on the "Tour de Vincent"



Jan van Gogh welcomes you to discover his work at the Hilton hotel in The Hague

