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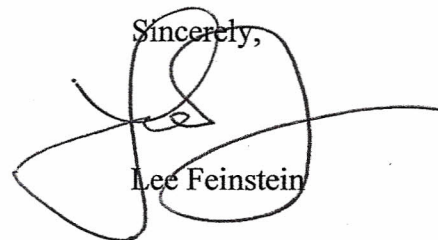
**Letter from U.S. Ambassador Lee A. Feinstein
on the opening of an exhibition of works by Witold K**

It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the internationally acclaimed artist Witold K on today's opening of "From Man to Black Holes" at the *Tyle Światów* gallery of the Oświęcim Cultural Center. I would also like to congratulate the Cultural Center for this fitting commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the famous frescoes Witold K created on the ceilings here

Witold K's remarkable life and career have reflected Poland's history over the last several decades. Growing up in Warsaw under Nazi occupation and then Communist rule, he studied at the Fine Arts Academy before being sent to Paris in 1964 by the Ministry of Culture. Seizing the opportunity to spread Polish art to the West, he smuggled the manuscripts of dissident Polish writers with him to France, and was barred from returning to Poland for many years. He moved to the United States in 1968, eventually settling in Denver, Colorado. I am proud to say that he eventually became a U.S. citizen, and so today both of our countries are fortunate to be able to claim such a talented artist as one of our own.

Despite tremendous political obstacles over his lifetime, Witold K has remained true to his art and his passion, and has forged an amazing career. His achievements are a testament to his indomitable spirit, and I offer my most sincere congratulations on this special day.

Sincerely,



Lee Feinstein