

Croatian Association of Artists

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To Whom It May Concern

Reference Letter

The Croatian Association of Artists is hereby issuing a reference letter to our member, distinguished and admired academic sculptor Vesna Osojnički, in support of her application for a Fulbright Scholar grant in the 2013/2014 Residence Program.

Vesna Osojnički was born on August 31st, 1960, in Moravice, Vrbovsko, Gorski kotar. She completed her elementary and high school education in Slavonski Brod. She received her Bachelor's degree in sculpture from the Zagreb Academy of Fine Arts, and her Master's degree from the Academy of Fine Arts in Ljubljana.

Awards and important projects and programs:

- In 1996 she launched an international project entitled *Plemenitaš Art Workshop* in Vrbovsko, Gorski kotar, which she has been running ever since. So far the workshop has hosted 19 international gatherings of sculptors who have produced a collection of contemporary artistic ceramics works exhibited in the workshop showroom.
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- She is the creator of the Park of Young Artists intended for Academy of Fine Arts graduating students. The Park has been conceived as a path of sculptures extending from the *Plemenitaš* workshop establishment into the landscape.
- At the *Plemenitaš* workshop establishment she has organized extracurricular activities and field lessons for students attending creative schools.
- She has launched an international project entitled *Outdoor Showroom* in Međimurje.

- For the past 10 years she has been teaching art in the Ceramics Designer Program at the High School for Construction Trades in Čakovec.
- Her students regularly participate in competitions at the national level. Her greatest achievement as an educator was winning the best design innovation at the IDIVI, and taking part in the innovators' fair in Brussels.
- As an artist she has taken part in exhibitions held in Switzerland, Canada, the US, Hungary, Slovenia. One of her sculptures is erected in Italy.
- Attended the Changchun International Sculpture Symposium (she was the only representative of Croatian artists). Her sculpture was erected in the City of Sculptures.
- Fulbright Scholarship, USA: New Orleans, Delgado Community College (the only artist who has been granted this prestigious scholarship).
- The *Chess* sculpture erected in Ravna gora.
- Ranked 3rd for her concept design of a memorial in Bakar.
- Certificate of merit for a sculpture concept design in Beijing, China, for the 2008 Olympics.

We hope for your positive response.

Yours faithfully,

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