

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Arts Division, we are proud to endorse the international Van Gogh Project. Canadian artist Cameron Cross has proven to be the sole inventor and creator of this truly unique, international art project. Mr. Cross has explicitly created the idea of seven 80-foot steel easels, each depicting a 24 x 32-foot version of Vincent van Gogh's seven Sunflower Paintings. These seven works of art will be erected in seven different countries spanning the globe. The first two easels have been successfully completed (Canada and Australia) and the remaining five sites have been carefully selected, with proposals already in hand.

Mr. Cross has demonstrated his qualifications as a professional artist through his university education and his dedication to The Van Gogh Project. Mr. Cross has been actively involved in organizing volunteers, overseeing construction work and the coordination of promotion and media. Above all, Mr. Cross possesses all necessary skills and talents to paint these colossal works of art. It is evident by this unique endeavor that Mr. Cross is the only person able to complete the remaining portion of this project.

It is the intention of The Van Gogh Project to create a "sister city" connection between the seven sites involved. The sites have been selected due to their connection to sunflower agriculture or to their connection to Vincent van Gogh himself. Mr. Cross has been the visionary in the selection of these sights. Cameron has already established close ties between the locations and the people involved. We are certain that his relationship with these new sites is integral to the successful launch of all seven easels. We are pleased to be able to follow the progress of this project through its web site:

www.cameronacross.com

Mr. Cross is in the process of being awarded an International Arts Promotions Grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Canada. This grant is awarded to Canadian artists and arts groups who have successfully demonstrated an art project of international merit.

Yours truly,

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