

**Greetings** — *Distinguished Dignitaries, Fellow artists, and Honored guests* — **WELCOME** —

[Pause. Warm smile.]

It is with **deep humility** and **great honor** that I stand before you as an American artist carrying within me the ancient roots of **Hungary** — a heritage that has shaped my art, my values and my belief in the power of culture to transcend borders.

And perhaps, I must admit,  
it has also given me a fiery stubbornness,  
a love of song and storytelling ... and yes, even a **deep ... love ... of Paprika.**

[Smile. Let audience breathe with you.]

Together with my fellow colleagues from the American Artist Association, and the Chinese artists who proudly stand beside us; **We** present this exhibition as a living testament to the bond of **International Friendship** and to the creative spirit that unites us all.

*These works of art* are more than objects ... on

**WALLS.**

They are **CONVERSATIONS**

... across cultures ... across language.

They are passports into our shared humanity.

They remind us that imagination itself is a form of diplomacy... and that artists, in their own way, are

**Builders of Bridges,**

not with steel and concrete, but with courage and imagination. For us Art is like a **MIRROR reflecting** who we are and a **BEACON** that lights the path of who we wish and might become.

**Eighty years ago**, from the ashes of world war, [breathe

Nations dared to imagine something extraordinary:

**“THE UNITED NATIONS.”**

[Pause.]

They chose **Dignity over Despair,**

**Dialogue over Silence,**

**Peace over Ruin.**

The United Nations, too, sees this a **MIRROR** reflecting who these nations are, and a **BEACON** of light illuminating the path toward who they aspire to be

and all they hope to achieve.  
That mission remains, to this . . . very . . . day,  
***Urgent*** and ***Needed***.  
Perhaps more Urgent – than . . . ever before.

And walking quietly beside this mission ... is Art.  
For Art does not raise armies.  
It does not draft treaties.  
But it speaks a universal language  
that reaches – where diplomacy cannot:  
to the Human Heart.

The United Nations and artists share a common calling:

**To Build Connection.**

(say this slowly and clearly)

**The UN** – builds bridges between nations through diplomacy.

[pause]

**Artists** – build bridges between people through imagination.

This exhibition before you today may seem as a  
**gesture ...**

**yet it is a Gesture . . . that . . . Matters.**

In a world strained by conflict, injustice, displacement and division., suffering and pain inflicted by egocentric obtuseness – We as artist **affirm**, through our work, what it means  
to be human:

to be **Fragile** ... to be **Resilient** ... to be **Aspirational** ...

and to be **vulnerable**

endlessly searching ... and endlessly capable of beauty.

**Every Act** of creation that honors **Life** carries within it **Hope**.

It proves that **Friendship** is stronger than fear,  
that **Love** speaks louder than hatred,  
and that **Beauty** can outlast destruction.

And So – let us honor this **truth**: that the  
*mission of nations* and the *mission of artists converge* —

by meeting at the shared crossroads where;

**The Nations United and Artist:**  
**sculptors, painters, poets, writers, musicians,**  
**photographer and actors**

along with

**diplomates, dignitaries** and the **world** —

Call us to choose **Empathy** over **Enmity**,

**Dialogue** over **Silence**, and

**Unity** through **Diversity**.

**Peace** over **Destruction**

May this exhibition remind us too — that **Peace** —

like **Art**

is a nothing less than a continuous journey,

*Forever renewed . . . eternally rekindled . . . endlessly restored*

**Again and Again**

*by Human Hands, and by Human Hearts.*

This is the rhythm of peace, the breath of hope — the everlasting testament of **integrity**, the sacred crown of **dignity**, and the undying **song** — of our shared humanity.

With gratitude,

I thank you for your presence,

your attention, and your spirit. And so may

*art and dialogue*

continue to *Guide us* ...

toward a more peaceful world

filled with *love, compassion, and understanding*.

[deliver slow]

and to all of you

Kívánok nektek békét — Peace be with you. — Thank you. — Köszönöm szépen