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Penny McManigal

Dreaming of Peace for the love of it

Opening at Founders Hall Art Gallery
Soka University, Aliso Viejo
September 11, 2005 – February 1, 2006



Sunday, September 11, 2005 from 4-7 pm will be the **Opening Reception** at Soka University's Founders Hall Art Gallery for *Dreaming of Peace for the love of it*, an art exhibition featuring two floors of the painting and photography of Penny McManigal, Artist for Peace and Transformation. Guests are invited to bring a strip of cloth 3 feet x 3 inches to participate in the *Weaving the Dream* Live Art co-creation. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to 949.480.4081.

The free reception will be followed by a special outdoor commemoration of 9/11 presented by Soka University students at Peace Fountain at 7:30 pm.

Penny McManigal's work has been shown internationally in France, Israel, England, China, Australia and Russia, and was also featured at the Peace Tent at the UN 4th World Conference on Women. This exhibition includes both paintings and photography from around the world.

McManigal's artwork has previously been shown locally at the Laguna Art Museum, Laguna's (former) International Museum for 20th Century Art, The Anaheim Historical Museum, U.C. Irvine (Women's Opportunity Center), Guggenheim Gallery at Chapman College, Newport Civic Center Gallery, The (former) Sherman Gardens Gallery, Buena Park Civic Center Gallery, The Irvine Fine Arts Center and has been featured at Children's Home Society, American Red Cross, Waldorf School, Girl Scouts, Newport Beach Library and other local events..

McManigal resides in Newport Beach and is listed in **Marquis' Who's Who of American Women** and **Who's Who in America**..



The Newport Beach resident says that “I see my life work as being an awakened, conscious thread in the connective tissue of our planet. I see myself as a weaver, helping to tighten the weave through creative application of my skills as a human being: daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, artist, teacher, life enthusiast, community leader, visionary, servant to the process and to our planet. And with my many facets I am always *Dreaming of Peace for the love of it...* and for a better world for our children. I see this exhibit and reception as a chance to bring the community together. Please join me in honoring 9/11 in this special all-Orange County commemoration of courage and the Dream of Peace.”



Soka University’s Founders Hall Art Gallery is very proud and pleased to welcome Penny McManigal. Founders Hall Art Gallery is located near the front entrance of Soka University, 1 University Drive, Aliso Viejo, Ca 92656. For a map and directions see www.soka.edu.

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High resolution photos available upon request to info@soka.edu

The artist may be contacted directly for interviews at Pennymcm@aol.com.