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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

It seems only yesterday that we were concerned about the Y2K bug, and now it is already November and the year 2000 is drawing to a close.

Our fall season started off with a musical bang with two organ concerts by Ullrich Boehme, organist and Professor at the Leipzig Conservatory of Music, and Michael Schoenheit, organist of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchester. This musical delight from Leipzig was followed by the openings of the spectacular exhibit ROMANTICS, REALISTS, REVOLUTIONARIES: 19TH-CENTURY GERMAN MASTERPIECES FROM THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, LEIPZIG at the Museum of Fine Arts of Houston (more on p.2), and the Fotofest Exhibit The Generation of Transition—New Photography from Leipzig.

The photography exhibit presents a powerful testament to the stresses and upheaval suffered by the people in the East under Communism, to their joy and elation at newly-won freedom, and to their profound ambivalence today in dealing with a sense of defeat and loss, but also with hope for material prosperity.

We will all have a chance to see these dramatic pictures at our Annual Meeting, which will be held at ArtScan Gallery (See next column).

At our Annual Meeting we will elect five new directors for two-year terms. I am grateful for our hard-working members of the board and thank them deeply for their contributions to this society. I would also like to express my appreciation to our members and volunteers without whom we could not exist.

With heartful thanks to all of you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Angelika C. Schmidt-Lange, President

# INVITATION AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS IN LIEU OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

NOMINEES FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS ARE:

STEVE BRAUN
PATRICIA FROST
ROY DE GESERO
GEORGE HAMMERLEIN
CHARLES PHILLIPS

Please join us for the election of directors and officers and absorb the spirit of transition in Leipzig as viewed through the eyes of six outstanding artists in the field of professional photography.

Thursday, November 16, 2000

6:30 p.m. Wine + Cheese Reception 7:00 p.m. Meeting

ArtScan Gallery 1113 Vine Street Houston, TX 77002

Dr. Volker Eisele, one of our directors and proprietor (together with his wife Dr. Ute Eisele) of ArtScan Gallery will introduce and present his inside view of the exhibit.

## SISTER CITIES OF HOUSTON INVITES YOU TO DINE WITH

AMBASSADOR EDWARD P. DJEREJIAN

DIRECTOR OF THE BAKER INSTITUTE (See p. 2 for details)

Romantics, Realists, Revolutionaries:

## 19th-Century German Masterpieces from the Museum of Fine Arts, Leipzig

The exhibition focuses on all of the main artists and movements from roughly 1800 to 1900, beginning with the avid interest in Italy on the part of many German painters early in the nineteenth century. Rome had become a meeting place for German painters and many stayed there including, such younger artists as Johann Christian Reinhardt, Johann Martin von Rohden, and Joseph Anton Koch. The group of reformers around Johann Friedrich Overbeck and Joseph Anton Koch, known as the "Nazarenes," were influenced by Italian fifteenth and sixteenth century painting.

The generation of Romantic painters includes Caspar David Friedrich, arguably the most famous German painter of the 19th Century. The exhibition contains a number of paintings that illuminate the Romantics' reverential attitude toward nature, which was often expressed through a painstaking naturalism. The center of this school of landscape painting was Dresden, where Ernst Ferdinand Oehme and Ludwig Richter worked with, and were influenced by, Karl Gustaf Carus.

#### 2001 MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE!!

It is time to renew your membership in the Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association. Please send your check soon, so that we can continue to bring to you exciting programs and activities.

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**STUDENT 10.00** 

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### SISTER CITIES OF HOUSTON UPDATE

Sister Cities of Houston, the umbrella organization for all of Houston's thirteen sister cities, has an exciting programs in store for us:

Ambassador Edward P. Djerejian, Director of the Baker Institute will present his

PREDICTIONS OF HOW U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE HANDLED IN THE NEW ADMINSTRATION

The evening will include a Chinese multi-course Dinner and Ambassador Djerejian's remarks. You will find friends from our and Houston's other sister cities.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000 Fung's Kitchen 7320 Southwest Freeway

> 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar 7:00 p.m. Dinner Cost: \$20.00 per person

In order to make a reservation, you must send your check early enough to arrive by Friday, November 10, 2000, at the following address:

Mr. Charles Phillips Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association 3 Sandalwood Houston, TX 77024

#### HOUSTON'S THIRTEEN SISTER CITIES

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN – 1976
CHIBA, JAPAN – 1973
GRAMPIAN REGION (ABERDEEN), SCOTLAND – 1979
GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR – 1987
HUELVA, SPAIN - 1969
ISTANBUL, TURKEY - 1986
LEIPZIG, GERMANY – 1993
NICE, FRANCE – 1973
PERTH, AUSTRALIA – 1983
SHENZHEN, CHINA – 1986
STAVANGER, NORWAY – 1980
TAIPEI, TAIWAN – 1963
TYUMEN, RUSSIA – 1995

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