



EMBASSY OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

The Ambassador

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Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Sir Steven Allan Spielberg,

It's my pleasure to write you personally as a person whose talent has been reflected in culture of our civilisation. Taking this possibility, I have the honour on behalf of my President of the Kyrgyz Republic **H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev** and my government to attract your attention to the following request.

The Government of my country continues its efforts to draw attention of the world community to one of the most beautiful corners of the World – "Tien-Shan" mountains – the Eastern part of the Great Himalayas. Another project aiming at drawing a worldwide attention to the beauties of Kyrgyz's nature is to make a well illustrated photo album called "The Heaven's Mountains".

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic is now looking for financial support to demonstrate public wide the outstanding works of the American artist for the only purpose to attract more and more attention of foreign tourists from all over the world to the beauties of Kyrgyzstan.

I would like to advise you about the International Exhibition "Ancient People of the Great Mountains" to be held both in the premises of World Bank Office in Washington DC and the United Nations Head-Quarters in New York City as a remarkable cultural event dedicated to UN General Assembly in September, 2009.

A would-be Exhibition and the future photo album will be coming as personal works of **Dr. Sergei Melnikoff**, a talented American photo artist who has spent thirty years of his life on the shooting of the beauty of our mountains. Today Dr. Melnikoff is the only and the most functional artist who is able to successfully accomplish the said projects. *(Please find attached more details about this extraordinary person and his activities)*

The exposition of "Ancient People of the Great Mountains" will include about one hundred a big window-sized photographs reflecting the superb images of Mother Nature's beauties. You can review the artist's collections, such as "Silver Rain", shown on Dr. Melnikoff's web site: www.photopicture.us

Projects budget is estimated of four hundred forty thousand dollars (440.000 US \$)

Your donation will fund.

1) To the Exhibition Project (\$190,000.00):

- Digital processing and wide format printing on fine art canvases;
- Framing on the mountain black walnut wood;
- Printing of catalogue, posters, and other related materials;
- Transportation expenses and full set-up of initial exposition;
- Exposition space renting cost.

2) To the Book Project (250,000.00):

- Creating of 350 hundred pages book mock-up;
- Pre-press process and printing of 5 thousand copies of the book;
- Transportation and expenses of mailing to the libraries.

The full edition of the "The Heaven's Mountains" photo album will be donated to the American public and colleges libraries. The exhibition "Ancient People of the Great Mountains" can be donated to any American non-profit or educational organizations by choice of the sponsor after that exhibit at September 2009.

Gratitude for our supporters will be expressed in the title page of the book, as well as in the exhibition catalogue and other related materials. An invitation to the exhibition will be sent to you in advance.

The Government and people of the Kyrgyz Republic would highly appreciate your financial donation which will be followed by the President's personal letter of gratitude.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon

Sincerely Yours,

Zamira Sydykova
Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic
to the United States and Canada