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Scene & Heard

Artist Mark Heine Elements of Nature at Avenue Gallery

Immersed in art from a young age, Mark Heine has inherited from his father, a renowned artist, a deep sense of creativity. After a 25-year career as one of North America's most sought-after illustrators, he turned to fine art several years ago.

"In this series, I wanted to capture the invisible sensations of the elements of nature. To celebrate the natural world and its gentle and beautiful influence on children. To have someone look at a painting and feel the heat of the sun or the nudge of the wind. I believe that the next step in our evolution must be to develop a deeper connection to the environment. Through education and by our example, our children can realize that evolution and guide our direction. They are the hope of us all."

On October 10th between 12:00 and 3:00 Mark Heine will share his inspiration about this new collection of paintings – titled Elements of Nature and how the Help Fill A Dream Foundation has touched his family and life. He and his daughters will be available to personalize "A Calling", a limited edition giclee print. Net proceeds of the giclee print and card sales will go to Help Fill A Dream.

Help Fill A Dream Foundation provides three important programs – Dreams, Special Projects and Family Assistance to children with life threatening conditions and their families within the Vancouver Island Health Authority District. The Foundation has supported over 1800 families since 1986. The exhibition of Elements of Nature will provide funds to continue to support these special programs.

**The Avenue Gallery, 2184 Oak Bay Avenue
Exhibition and Sale October 4th to 17th**

Artist's print signing:

October 10th 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Artist will be in attendance



Artist Mark Heine discusses his new exhibit, Elements of Nature, with Avenue Gallery owner Heather Wheeler.



Karrie Wolfe, a friend of the artist, and Lisa Leighton, Heine's partner, enjoy the scene.



Artist Mark Heine discusses his work, including a series of commemorative stamps he produced for Canada Post.



Sean Kane, Felix Kane and Heather Vincent came out to show their support.



Doug and Linda Fraser enjoy the show.



Steve Blumberg contemplates Orphans.



Dana and Heather Wolfe with daughter Alexandra.



Catherine and Bruce Gerus take a close look.



From right, Debra Wapple and friend June Swadron enjoy the exhibit.

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THE AVENUE GALLERY

is pleased to present

Mark Heine - Elements of Nature



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Print Signing, Artist in Attendance: October 10th, 12-3

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"A Calling" 40"x17" Edition Size 500 Prints \$175.00

Print and card proceeds to benefit Help Fill A Dream Foundation

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