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To Whom it may concern.

Through the last 11 years I have visited colleagues in Belgrade almost every summer.

I was introduced to Professor Biljana Vukovic by my Danish colleague Inger Lise Rasmussen in 2005, and ever since, I fell in love with Belgrade and its lively and very professional art life.

As a printmaker and teacher of printmaking at Aarhus Kunstakademi, Denmark, I am amazed by the wonderful Gallery of Graphic art, The Galerija Graficki Kolektiv in Obilicev venac 27, just in the heart of old Belgrade, to which I was introduced by Professor Biljana Vukovic.

The long history of the Art Space from 1949 till now, and for now being lead with big enthusiasm by Ljiljana Cinkul, has made it a milestone in the field of printmaking. Not only is it a window for professional Serbian printmakers to have their works presented in beautiful surroundings at a central location with many visitors. Also it is an important meeting point for printmaking colleagues for exchange of knowledge.

The Gallery is also internationally well known, admired and respected, and many well renowned printmaking artists from all over the world have had the honour and pleasure to present their works at the very prestigious Galerija Grafitska Kolektiv in Belgrade, and they are being friendly met with great warmth from Ljiljana Cinkul and the Gallery staff.

I met the wonderful variety of Serbian printmaking art at the annual May Exhibition at the Galerija Graficki Kolektiv, and I had the honour to participate myself more times, and consider myself a friend of the Gallery. I also had the chance to attend more exhibition openings which for me was very interesting events, as the Gallery presents good art and attracts many visitors from the art field.

It is with very deep regret that I experienced the fact, that the Gallery space in Obilicev venac 27 is going to be closed.

I hope with these words to tribute to all good efforts to make this wonderful gallery survive at a good and suitable new location in Belgrade.

Yours sincerely

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