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**TIKKUN OLAM: Repairing the World**  
**Opens at Denver Public Library**

August 2007 – Participants from 27 countries bring their inspired visions of Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World to a bold exhibition on view at the Denver Central Public Library's Schlessman Hall September 7 through December 3, 2007. Artist Christy Honigman, in collaboration with the Mizel Museum, conceived the collaborative art project to illustrate the interconnectedness and mutual interdependence of all human beings and to promote intercultural respect and awareness.

The exhibition features 12 seven-foot, five-paneled columns upon which 54 participants interpret the universal values of social justice, compassion, freedom, equality and peace. In pictures, poems and songs, their messages of Tikkun Olam are conveyed through sight and sound, offering the viewer a multi-dimensional and compelling art experience.

Most of the world's cultures have a long tradition of art and healing and the knowledge that creativity, community, health and spirit are inextricably linked. The exhibition participants, many of whom are survivors of torture and exile, not only lent their personal expressions of Tikkun Olam to this project, but in the process of creating, they experienced, and thus substantiated, art's healing and transformative power.

The contributors are not professional artists, but individuals from all walks of life. “This is,” says artist Honigman, “not only a powerful work of art. It is a powerful work of the heart.” To connect with the exhibition’s contributors, Honigman was aided by the Colorado Refugee Network.

Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World serves as the third component of the Mizel Museum’s flagship educational program, Bridges of Understanding. The museum’s commitment to build bridges of understanding between individuals with distinct backgrounds, personal histories and cultural practices, is exemplified by the Tikkun Olam exhibition. The project is generously sponsored by The Allied Jewish Federation, Xcel Energy, Great Plains Moving and Storage, KeyBank, The Rose Foundation and SCFD.

The Denver Central Public Library is located at 10 W. Fourteenth Ave. Parkway. Hours are: Monday and Tuesday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Sunday 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. The exhibition is available daily to school tours, for grades six and above, through the Mizel Museum Education Department at (303) 394-9993, X3. Following the exhibition at The Denver Central Public Library, Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World will travel to other venues in Colorado.

For more information on the exhibition, call Georgina Kolber at the Mizel Museum at 303 394-9993, Ext. 7. For information on the Denver Central Public Library, call 720 865-1111.

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