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Come – Everything is Ready!



THE PAINTER: Rezka Arnuš

Rezka Arnuš was born in 1953 in Božakovo, Slovenia, and lives in Dolenjske Toplice, in the region of White Carniola, a small traditional region in south eastern Slovenia. She is married and has two sons and three grandchildren. Rezka retired as a physiotherapist aged 46 due to health problems with her eyesight. Her eyes are limited to just 5% of normal sight when there is enough light.

Upon retiring, Rezka learnt to paint and, as a visually impaired amateur artist, has been creating works of art for the past 18 years. She is a member of several art societies and her award-winning works have been displayed in over 200 exhibitions at home and abroad. She regularly takes part in painting workshops as well as running a women's home-based gym.

Her favourite themes are landscapes, still-life and images from White Carniola but lately she has been creating figurines, nudes and abstract paintings in her own unique style.

THE PAINTING

Rezka has incorporated in her painting both the country of Slovenia and the biblical story from Luke 14 using warm, traditional folk colours.

At the top of the painting, Slovenian women, dressed in national traditional costumes and covered with a lace cap, mob cap or scarf, greet each other. You can almost feel their movement! Below the women, a semi-circular table is dressed with a Slovenian folk embroidered tablecloth. Placed on the table are bunches of grapes from the Slovenian vineyards, and potica, a traditional speciality bread. Also, as an expression of love, is heart-shaped gingerbread, known as liticar, which is made with the honey of native Carniolan bees and decorated with a red carnation.

Partly under the table are children from the margins of society: a homeless woman carrying her child, a young woman who is visually impaired, a child with a hearing impairment and a child with cerebral palsy. They have heard and accepted the heartfelt invitation to the feast.



