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Dear Sir, Madam,

Encouraged by the tremendous success of the third International watercolour paintings exhibition which took place in Saint Yrieix la Perche in 2008, we are now preparing the fourth edition that will take place between July 18 and August 14th, 2009. Last year, we received more than 16 000 visitors from all over France and even from abroad, and we sold 41 paintings for 300.

Saint Yrieix la Perche is a small town situated in the Haute-Vienne Department, bordering Dordogne and Corrèze departments, on the axis Limoges-Périgueux or Sarlat or Brive la Gaillarde. The exhibition is voluntarily spread around the centre of the old town in three main halls, situated in a 50 meter radius (the old restored market and an art gallery), and in some stores of the pedestrian streets.

We would like to keep a very high level in this exhibition although not conventional. Therefore, the aim of this event is to bring art in the centre of a town by exhibiting very famous artists as well as new talents to be discovered by a large audience.

This event will keep the same simplicity and conviviality as the precedent edition, nevertheless we will correct last year's mistakes or imperfections that were reported to us. During all the period of the event, initiation or improvement watercolour training courses will be organised as well as a street painters contest, with a lot of important prizes, that will take place on the first Sunday of August (2th).

Our three special guests will be Ghislain Marbaix, who is Belgian, Slawa Prishedko who is Ukraine and Germany and David Chauvin for France.

Each selected artist will have to pay 50 € of subscription fees so that he or she can exhibit 6 watercoloured-only paintings, which size must not exceed 70x90cm, framing included (paintings must be correctly framed out). Organizers will deduct 15% on the total amount of sales – prices are established with framing included-. Paintings will be deposited on Thursday 16,07, 2009. The vernissage will take place on Saturday 18nd at 7 p.m. with the artists and their friends and also local and regional personalities.

In order to make application, you have to send either by email or by post before March 1st, 2009: a small description of yourself, as well as 7 or 10 very high quality pictures of the paintings you want to exhibit during this event. On the verso of each picture, please add your first and last names, your phone number, the title of the painting, its size and its price. You can also add an envelop with a stamp so that we can send you back the pictures.

The selection will be done at the very beginning of March by a jury of experts. Selected candidates will be informed either by email, by telephone or by post. There won't be any appeal at the decision made by the jury.

I look forward to receiving your application in a very near future,

Yours respectfully,

Jean-Michel Devaux