WATERCOLOR ARTIST RALPH NAGEL TO EXHIBIT AT LONE TREE ARTS CENTER
Places and Things… An Artist’s Vision

LONE TREE, CO – The Lone Tree Arts Commission is excited to announce that watercolor artist Ralph Nagel has been invited to display his work at the Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC) as a part of the 2014 Commissioners’ Choice program. The show will be available for viewing January 28 through March 2, 10am – 4pm Monday – Friday and prior to LTAC performances. An opening reception will be held Friday, January 31 5:30pm – 7:30pm and is open to the public.

Artist Statement

Painting is about having the courage to take risks toward an outcome that is unknown.

About the Artist

Ralph Nagel began painting in 1991. Prolific and versatile, he paints in the classic en plein air style. His watercolors and oils exude the powerful essence of place and time, and his response to the vast subtleties of color, form and changing light. Quick field studies made in the American Southwest, Thailand and France are developed into ambitious large scale paintings in the studio.

The spirit of Nagel’s paintings is seen in the spontaneity of his brushwork. Bold colors, at times alternating with soft transparent ones, articulate the interaction between painter and painting as well as the ever-present tension between experimentation and control.
Nagel's paintings are in private collections in the United States, Argentina, Australia, France, Italy, Brazil, Thailand and New Zealand.

Nagel founded Meridian retirement communities and Alliance for School Choice. He is on the Board of Trustees at Denver University and Washington University in St. Louis. As a philanthropist, he is responsible for Nagel Art Studios, Nagel Residence Hall and the extensive collection of paintings by Colorado artists at DU.

**About LTAC**

The Lone Tree Arts Center is a professional, innovative and environmentally friendly, LEED Certified venue. LTAC operates a dynamic model for the performing arts by collaborating with some of the premier Colorado performing arts companies to present their productions in Lone Tree as well as presenting national and regional tours. LTAC has quickly discovered its place as a new provider of arts education programs for children and an important meeting and event rental site for corporate, civic, private, and community arts groups.

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