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April 15, 1981

Dear Miss Leyrer:

Mrs. Reagan has asked me to thank you for your kind message. Your thoughtful gesture means so much.

Unfortunately, it isn't possible to make use of all of the lovely and interesting items offered to her. Mrs. Reagan is grateful that you thought of her and sends her best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Eberly
Deputy Director of Correspondence
Office of the First Lady

Miss Shirley Dani Leyrer
2520 Bowdoin Place
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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Dani Sculptor & Artist

2520 Bowdoin Place, Costa Mesa, California 92626

March 20, 1981

Mrs. Ronald Reagan
First Lady,
United States of America
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mrs. Reagan,

On the radio it was announced that since you had received an excessive amount of donations towards the decorating of the White House, you proclaimed the additional funds received would go towards purchasing art for the permanent collection of the White House.

I am a recognized sculptor, and would be more than happy to donate a bronze sculpture for your permanent collection.

Primarily my work is of nudes, but the large sculpture of Moses is quite impressive, has won two awards, and possibly would be appropriate with the feeling that God is still an essential part of our American Heritage.

Included with this letter is a brochure, biography, and several photographs of my other sculptures for your consideration.

Since bronze is an expensive art form to produce, in comparison to paintings, it would be redundant to donate a piece that would not be of your personal art preference, and would end up in a closet somewhere. Therefore, I would appreciate your candid opinion.

May I also add that my husband and I are in total support with the President's policies, and we are grateful that you and President Reagan have brought "a touch of class" back to the White House. Our prayers are with you both.

Very truly yours,

Shirley Dani Seyrer
Shirley Dani Seyrer, Sculptor

DANI
SCULPTOR / ARTIST

Shirley D. Leyrer
2520 Bowdoin Pl.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
(714) 546-2990

(Shirley D. Leyrer)

Presently resides in Costa Mesa, California.

STUDY: Pasadena City College; Orange Coast College; Laguna Beach School of Art and Design; private studies under the tutelage of renowned artists.

MEMBER: Laguna Beach Museum of Art; Art-A-Fair, Inc. - served on Board of Directors as Corresponding Secretary and Jury Coordinator 1974, Membership Affairs Committee 1975, 1978, 1980, Vice President 1976; Husband Lowell President of Art-A-Fair 1977 and 1978; Costa Mesa Art League - First Vice President and Exhibits Chairperson; Regional Representative for International Society of Artists, featured article 1978 Communicator.

INSTRUCTOR: Past art instructor for the City of Costa Mesa, and Costa Mesa Art League. Her work has been used extensively in teaching speech to the hard of hearing children in the Newport Mesa Unified School District.

JUROR: Juried art shows for Ebell Club, Newport Beach; Costa Mesa Art League; Orange County Libraries; Art-A-Fair Festival 1976, 1977, 1979; Anaheim Art Association 1977; San Clemente Art Association 1980.

EXHIBITIONS: Represented in many major group exhibitions. Award winner with both paintings and sculpture (two awards were won on bronze sculpture at the 1977 Hillcrest Invitational). Art work shown at Los Angeles Municipal Art Museum; Laguna Beach Museum of Art (a painting represented the museum in Laguna Beach's 50th anniversary); Art-A-Fair Festival 1972 thru 1980; represented in the annual Decorator's Showcase in Pasadena; Orange County Fair; Redlands Mini Show; La Mirada Fiesta de Artes; San Bernardino Museum Traditional Art Show; University of Mississippi's National show; Academy of Design in New York, where sculpture was featured in catalog; the Hudson Valley Art Association 50th Annual Exhibition in New York; Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Nation exhibition 1977, 1978, 1979 featured in catalog; Salmaquindi Club New York 1980. Recent articles have appeared in the Orange County Illustrated; 1980 editorial Los Angeles Times; Laguna Beach Newpost; Southwest Art Magazine; two featured articles in Daily Pilot; Currents Magazine; The Register; twice on the cover of This Week in Laguna; Design Review, Orange Coast Magazine.

GALLERY REPRESENTATION: Presently exclusively represented in Southern California by Haggrenmaker Galleries of Laguna Beach. Collectors from the United States, Canada, England and Mexico.

MUSEUM REPRESENTATION: Bronze sculpture purchased by the R. W. Norton Art Foundation, Shreveport, Louisiana. The Museum houses one of the finest collections of American and European art to be found in the Southern United States. Dani's sculpture will be part of their permanent collection.

MEDIA: Sculpture - Exquisite bronzes created by Dani, with the unique patina developed by her husband. They are signed and numbered in limited editions. Dani is also an accomplished artist in etchings, serigraphs and paintings.

Presenting the Bronze Sculpture by

DANI



"Persephone"

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Ltd. Ed. 16

Haggenmaker Galleries

372 North Coast Highway
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
(714) 494-2675



*"As the first born blossom
emerges from the depths of
the pool, a shimmering
bronze maiden appears
smiling up at the sun"*
Dani

"Bronze Maiden"

Hgt. 15"

Ltd. Ed. 16

Cover - Persephone
(Goddess of Spring)
has been released by
Pluto briefly to enjoy
the season before
returning to Hades.



"Serenity"

Hgt. 20"

Ltd. Ed. 16 Bronze



National Academy
of Design, New
York, 1978
153rd Annual
Exhibition

"Libre Comme L'Air"
Hgt. 15" Ltd. Ed. 10

DANI

BORN: Los Angeles, CA

EDUCATION: Pasadena City College, Laguna Beach School of Art, Orange Coast College.

Instructor; Art - City of Costa Mesa, Costa Mesa Art League, Newport Mesa Unified Schools (Her art has been used extensively in teaching speech to the hard of hearing children)

RECENT EXHIBITS & AWARDS: National Academy of Design, New York 1978 (One of two sculptors juried in from Calif.) published in catalog; Hillcrest Invitational 1977-1979 Two awards for sculpture; Art-A-Fair Festival, Laguna Beach 1972-1979; Haggemaker Galleries - Marina del Rey - Laguna Beach 1977 - 1979; Orange County Fair - Five major awards; Catherine Lorillard Wolfe National, N.Y. 1977 (1978 published in catalog); University of MISS National 1977; San Bernardino Traditional 1976-1979; Hudson Valley 50th National Exhibit - New York 1978; Laguna Beach Museum 50th Anniversary Show, 1977 painting; Longpre Gallery, La Canada, CA; Petricks - Newport Beach, CA; Eternal Idol, Santa Ana, CA

ARTICLES: *Orange County Illustrated* 1977-1978; *Los Angeles Times* 1977; *Daily Pilot* (Featured articles) 1978-1979; International Society of Artists - 1978; *News Post - Laguna Beach* 1977; *Southwest Art Magazine* 1977; *This Week in Laguna* (Twice on Cover) 1978.

Two Bronzes from her miniature Collection . . .



"For You"

Ltd. Ed. 16



"Splintered"

Ltd. Ed. 16

Two Awards
Hillcrest
Invitational
Show - Whittier,
CA



"Moses"

Hgt. 30"

Ltd. Ed. 16



ARTIST: DANI ADDRESS: 2520 BOWDDIN PL., COSTA MESA, CA 92626

MEDIA: BRONZE SCULPTURE EDITION: 18

TITLE: "MAGIC Doves"

HEIGHT: 20"

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DORIELLA'

ARTIST. DANI

ADDRESS 2520 BOWDOIN PL
COSTA MESA, CA 92626

HEIGHT 13"

MEDIUM. BRONZE AND GOLD

EDITION. 18



"AND THE LORD SPAKE
UNTO MOSES'

ARTIST: DANI
ADDRESS: 2520 BOWDOIN PL
COSTA MESA, CA 92626

HEIGHT 30"

MEDIUM: BRONZE

EDITION: 16