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A PANAMANIAN EVENING IN ROTTERDAM UNDER THE CHARM AND VIBRANCY OF ARTIST OLGA SINCLAIR

By a beautiful autumnal evening, with the moon illuminating the Dock Gallery in Rotterdam, the 112th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Panama was celebrated with a private exhibition of the renowned Panamanian artist and Cultural Ambassador: Olga Sinclair.

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his magical evening in the brand-new, inspiring art gallery was highlighted by the special speech held by His Excellency Willys Delvalle the Ambassador of Panama. He emphasised the unique talent of Olga Sinclair, as well as the special role she plays as representative of Panama. With over 50 individual exhibitions and 200 collective ones in various cities of Asia, Europe and America, she recently showcased her ex-

position "Retrospective" at the Palazzo Medici-Riccardi in Florence, Italy before moving on to the national gallery of Arts in Jordan and reaching the Casa de America in Madrid in time for Hispanic Heritage day.

The ambassador expressed his pleasure at having his very dear friend and artist Olga Sinclair with us, emphasising not only her immense talent, but also the sensitivity of a lovely woman he described as "The expression of the spirit of a brilliant artist that shines by herself, always with a positive attitude, spreading to everyone

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around her a happy atmosphere with a radiant smile".

In 2010 she created a Foundation to facilitate the access to different forms of artistic expression for young people in Panama and this year brought 10 young, talented Panamanian artists, winners of the Foundation's competition to Europe to attend the first Rome art workshop at the Vatican school, dedicated to the memory of her Father El Maestro Alfredo Sinclair.

In 2014, for the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal, the Olga Sinclair Foundation broke the World Guinness record for the most people painting simultaneously (5,084).

He concluded by reminding us that the excellent diplomatic relations between Panama and the Netherlands reach back to the early days of the Republic in 1904 and there has been a General Consulate in Rotterdam since 1908: "making it only natural that this city was the ideal location for both this amazing exhibition and the celebration of our national day" he said.

Mrs Sinclair's sparking personality and special works of art, bursting with colour, shape and creativity were a joy to behold, as was the warm speech she gave, in Dutch, the country where she studied and where one of her daughters lives and studies.

It was wonderful for us to meet and admire, in the words of the ambassador: "this sample of the artistic passion of our people, the colors, the joy, and the vibrant and elegant paintings of a very talented Panamanian."

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