Dear guests,

One of the results of the end of the Cold War was also the emergence of Slovenia as the new state in the world stage. There were many such examples during that turbulent time, which followed the *Annus Mirabilis* of 1989 events. After proclaiming its independence on June 25, 1991, Slovenia in practically half a year received the international recognition. It happened on January 15, 1992. That was a wonderful time and a wonderful day that has been and will be remembered.

The exhibition about the horse breed *Lipicanci* is a unique, creative and descent remembrance of those times. Its author Ms. Alenka Slavinec has managed to catch the spirit of time and the essence of the wonderful breed that is a result of the special Slovene identity to present what Slovenia and its people are all about.

The very same exhibition marked the 20th anniversary of the Slovene independence in Washington.

Let it also spread the message now and let the horses speak with a thrilling creativity of a renowned master of photography.

"*To spend days, hours, even moments with these horses is a privilege and honor which I will cherish all my life. They filled me with joy and confidence and when I created these photographs I felt a rush of belonging, pride and patriotism for my country.*"

Amb. Prof. Milan Jazbec, PhD

Alenka Slavinec

Ms. Alenka Slavinec is an esteemed representative of the new approach to art, creativity and patriotism that one can primarily find in small communities that are wide opened to global challenges. She knows how to face and master them. Born in the ancient Slovene city of Ptuj she travelled the world. In Ljubljana she studied social sciences and then continued with film and photography at the prestigious New York Film Academy, worked at Saatchi & Saatchi, at the Wayward Pen Foundation in New York, producing exhibitions, movies, art projects and much more.
She is constantly on the way, like the USA, Brazil, Canada, and recently focusing on Kuwait, where she launched the Fashion Avenue Kuwait magazine together with Dotbacspace Company. Hers is i.e. the cover photo of Sheikha Sarah Al Sabah as well as SH Majed Al Sabah.
She stayed with the Lipicanci breed when working on these wonderful photos, having in mind the way how to encourage young people to love their country.
It is a noble mission that deserves full attention.
Her sponsors include the Lipica Stallion Company, the Ljubljana Festival, Raiffeisen Bank, the Slovenian Times, to name a few.

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By photographer Alenka Slavinec

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