



## SYDNEY CROAT DUO URGES ARTISTS WORLDWIDE TO SUPPORT ARTISTIC FREEDOM

SYDNEY - An Australian Croatian husband and wife team from Sydney are leading a push for artists from all over the world to paint murals in an effort to affirm artists' rights to artistic self-expression.

On Sunday 26 June, Damir and Vesna Tenodi, along with five well known Sydney artists painted the "SAY YES TO WANJINA... AND NO TO CENSORSHIP" mural in Sydney, in response to the Land and Environment Court's decision to uphold the local Blue Mountains council order for the "Wanjina Watchers in the Whispering Stone" sculpture by Benedikt Osvath to be removed from the front lawn of the ModroGorje gallery in Katoomba.

According to ModroGorje owners, Vesna and Damir Tenodi, this decision appears to give even more power to already power-crazy local bureaucrats.

"Eager to indulge Aboriginal people, they were able to enforce censorship by manipulating planning laws, using the heritage listing of the house as an excuse," Vesna Tenodi told the Croatian Herald earlier this week.

The Tenodis and their artists are inviting artists all over the world to paint murals of this image everywhere, to affirm their right to artistic self-expression.

They're urging all interested artists to send photos of their art to Truth in Art Project via email to: [truthinart@modrogorje.com](mailto:truthinart@modrogorje.com)

*PICTURED ABOVE: Two of the participating artists stand beside the painted mural*

**UPDATE:** The Tenodi's cause was featured on the new current affairs talkshow, "The Bolt Report", hosted by renowned Australian current affairs columnist and journalist Andrew Bolt and screened nationally on the Ten TV Network last Sunday.