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Thursday, September 23, 2010

5:00 PM Red Carpet/Cocktails/Silent Auction
7:00 PM Dinner/Awards/Entertainment

Beverly Hilton Hotel
International Ballroom
9876 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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The story behind the painting entitled “Removing the Color” by blind artist Helen Harris

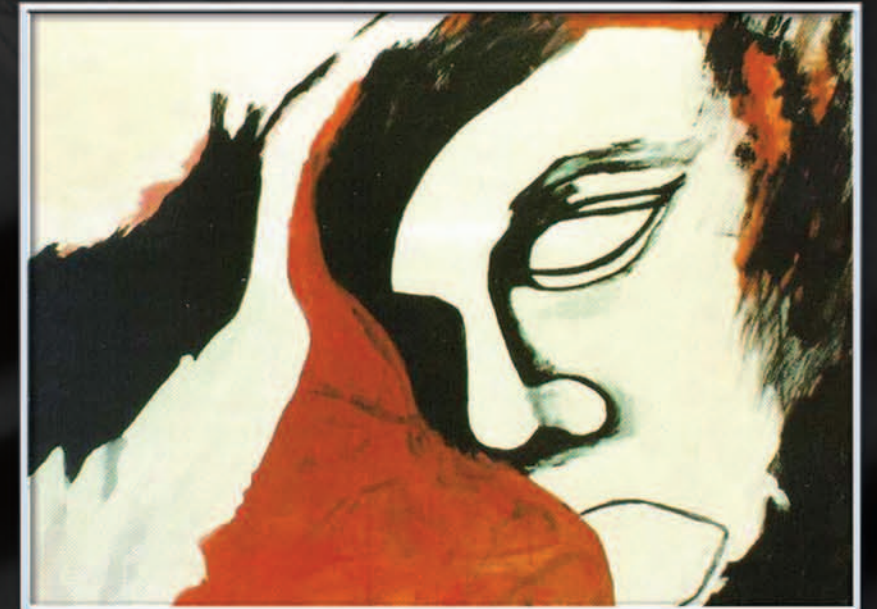
When I painted “Removing the Color,” I was in the throes of seeing a colorful, sparkling world gradually disappear into periods of white, gray, black, red, deep wine and, finally, black. Although I could see canvas at that point, I was not really aware that what I was painting was “the act of going blind.” Today, remembering the best years of my eyes and the number of paintings that I have been able to accomplish, I have dedicated the painting “Removing the Color” to a cure for Retinitis Pigmentosa and all of the degenerative eye diseases that cause blindness in young children, the blinding eye diseases that should be cured. You will notice that the face in the painting demonstrates powerful, excruciating agony. The eye is without an iris, and the image portrays the feeling of many blind people that, “No one can see me any more.” Therefore, perhaps, I am not here. Medical science has never really portrayed the loss of vision by anything more than blackness. Braille and white canes seem to be the images of blindness; however, I believe that my painting “Removing the Color” tells the real story of the need to stop the agony of the darkness now. I thank everyone involved in helping me pierce the darkness through the use of my God-given talent to paint.

Sincerely,

Helen

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“Removing the Color”

by blind artist Helen Harris

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