

GREETINGS

August 23, 2003

Herr Gerhard Widder
Oberbürgermeister der Stadt Mannheim
Bundesrepublik Deutschland

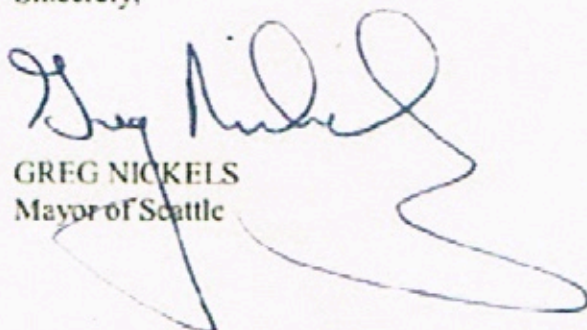
Dear Oberbürgermeister Widder,

As Mayor of the City of Seattle, it is my pleasure to thank you and your good offices for your visionary support of "What Is Art?," an international arts organization based in Seattle.

Through the community exhibitions and international artist's exchange, "What Is Art?" is building new and progressive international partnerships. These exchanges provide an important foundation for basic understanding between the citizens of all the participating countries.

I know that the September 2003 exhibition at your beautiful Luisen Park will be spectacular. These relationships not only build new networks but also facilitate new partnerships. It is important to bring a new light to the arts in Seattle community as well as abroad. I hope in the near future that we can host the diverse and talented group of individuals that comprise your artistic community of Mannheim who are working so diligently toward this project.

Sincerely,



GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle