

Press Release for Book Signing at Daniela's Gallery

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Marcia Fine

**POLISH ARTIST TRANSLATES HOLOCAUST LETTERS FOR
AWARD WINNING NOVELIST**

**BOOK SIGNING and ARTIST'S RECEPTION: Wed., APRIL 9,
2008 5-7PM Daniela's Gallery 7221 E. Princess Blvd.
Suite 118, Scottsdale, adjacent to the Princess Hotel**

Scottsdale, AZ, March, 2008—Vanda Hawkins, a former winner of the International Art Competition of Young Artists in Paris and a native of Poland, translated **Marcia Fine's** family letters for a year.

"Before my grandmother passed away she gave me her most precious possession, letters from her family who were trapped in Poland during WWII. She called them her "paper children". I knew that would become the title of my book someday, "says award winning author, **Marcia Fine**. Recently her novel, **PAPER CHILDREN: AN IMMIGRANT'S LEGACY**, became a **finalist for USA Book News** in the Historical Fiction and a finalist for **Foreward magazine's Book of the Year**.

"**Vanda** was instrumental in translating the letters from my great-grandmother and grandfather. The letters were on onionskin paper and very fragile. I couldn't let them out of my hands so we met for a year at a library. We sat and cried together learning the fate of my family."

Vanda, a Catholic, states, "I was very moved by these letters, so much so that I researched my family history and visited Israel recently as part of my journey of discovery."

Vanda Hawkins oil paintings on display at **Daniela's Gallery** convey a spectrum of human emotion and people from her native Poland. "I see no limit to my art, but to be truthful to myself," says the artist.