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KLEMM SELLS RENOWNED MURALIST'S HOME

(Falls Village, Connecticut) – Klemm Real Estate has brokered the sale of a very important piece of architectural history – the home of world renowned American muralist Ezra Winter. The sale represents the highest sale ever for property in Falls Village with an asking price of \$2.5 million.

Winter designed the modernist home and studio, which was built in 1932. Winter lived and worked in the home until his death in 1949.

The next two decades welcomed artistic sisters Dorothy and Gertrude Lathrop to the home. They both lived and worked there until the late 1960s. An illustrator, Dorothy won a Caldecott Medal for the excellence of her illustrations and art in the book *Animals of the Bible: A Picture Book*. Metal sculptor Gertrude, who specialized in animal sculptures, studied at the New York Art Students League with Gutzon Borglum, the artist known for creating Mount Rushmore.

In the late 1990s Winterhouse Studio and Institute was formed on the site with architectural design by Michael Morris and Yoshiko Sato. In 2006, the house was renovated and designed by Claire Weisz and Mark Yoes. The landscape plan is by Rick Worcester of Worcester + Worcester of Essex, CT. The architecture has been featured in *Dwell* and *Bob: International Magazine of Space Design*, and was a "Home of the Year" prize winner in *Architecture* magazine in 2002.

"This house/studio is a spectacular piece of property! It was the earliest modern studio in America. It predates Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater. The property offers 52± acres of complete privacy, with grounds that include original terraces, stone walls, landscaped gardens, open land, hiking trails, streams and a natural waterfall," raves Rebecca Ward, listing agent for Klemm Real Estate. "It was a thrill to list one of the most important modernist houses in the country. I met so many interesting people who shared my love of this original architecture." adds Ward.

Selling agent Maria Taylor of Klemm Real Estate says, "The new owners were captivated the very moment they first laid eyes on Winterhouse. Ezra Winter's vision, originality and sophistication immediately spoke to them."

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