

PRESS RELEASE

October 29, 2009

For November Calendar of Events:

CHANCERY ART AUCTION –
a rare chance to acquire very exclusive oil paintings
worth over \$3500 for under \$1700.
“Sealed Bids” now accepted, close on Nov 28
at Chancery Art Gallery in downtown Bracebridge, ON.
Details at www.ChanceryArt.com

Chancery Art Auction

“Sealed Bids, Reserved”
bids now accepted, close at noon
on Saturday, November 28

Offered are very exclusive oil paintings of accomplished Georgian artist Ioseb (Soso) NADIRADZE. Recent revolution, war, painful transition from rather pampering socialism to cold-shouldered capitalism perhaps was beneficial for some merchants and politicians, but left most of Georgian intellectuals in a difficult situation of struggle for simple surviving. Soso happens to be among them. In order to afford ongoing payments for his daughter's University tuition, Soso ordered the *Chancery Art Gallery* to sell some of his paintings out through the auction.

Find more details at www.ChanceryArt.com

About the artist: Ioseb (Soso) Nadiradze is a professional painter with Master's Degree from prestigious Tbilisi Academy of Fine Arts. Some critics note that his works are somewhat reminiscent of Chagall, other disagree and speak of Matisse. However, Soso feels that his own artistic roots derived mainly from the frescos of the ancient Georgian churches (as official religion, Christianity was adopted there as early as in 4th century, and cathedrals were decorated by Georgian native – not Byzantine – painters); almost as his own "genetic memory," he undergoes the poetic and philosophical inspirations of Shota Rustaveli, the greatest Georgian intellectual of 12th century; Soso believes it is Pirosmiani (1862-1918) who has enabled him to apprehend that reality is actually not as apparent as it seems to appear...

Paintings of Soso are in private collections across the Europe. After shows in Italy, Germany and Turkey, now for the first time his work can be seen in Canada, where he is exclusively represented by the *Chancery Art Gallery*.

*“The only possible teacher
except torture is fine art”*

Bernard Shaw
The Doctor's Dilemma

From the Freudian view, arts derive from the same source as fantasies and dreams, and have the same purpose – to reduce tension in the soul. This applies to both creation and perception of the art, regardless of modality – painting, sculpture, literature, music, dance, etc. Thus, in some respects artists are not special – like the rest of us, they have the same narcissistic desires and fantasies, rather shameful to share under our cultural restraints. But unlike us, artists have a very special gift – they are able to exhibit their fantasies in a skilful, camouflaged way, and to attract us first with the external, formal side of their work. It traps us, provoking a preliminary, properly aesthetic pleasure, turning our internal "censor" off guard. And then, it enables us to enjoy our own deep prohibited fantasies – projected on the art – without shame and self-blame, with revealing catharsis. How are artists able to do this? It's their mystic secret; it's art.

*“..The one thing which may
in some degree reconcile the
cultured person with life –
scientific and artistic enjoyment...”*

Eduard von Hartmann
Philosophy of the Unconscious

Chancery Art Gallery is a commercial gallery which offers solo and group exhibitions of contemporary fine art and acts as the artist's agent with exclusivity limited to Muskoka district of Ontario, Canada.

The gallery is affiliated with a psychology office on premises – www.PrivateCounseling.ca Occasionally, for "artist-in-crisis" a psychological consultation is offered *pro-bono*.

The gallery's mission:
*“Piece of pie to the artists,
Peace of mind to the rest of us”*

Dr. Lena Kolobov
owner & director

Dr. Paul Ivanoff
curator

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