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Chancery Art Gallery in downtown Bracebridge, ON (Muskoka)

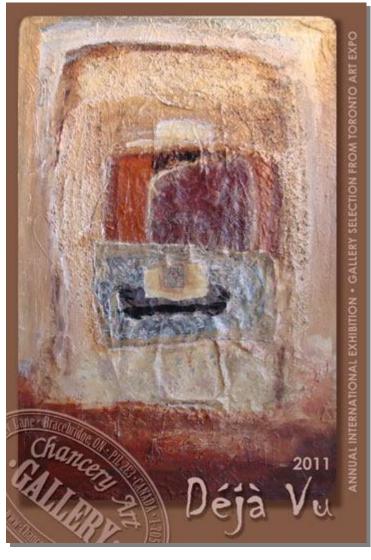
MAY 11 – 28 **Déjà Vu '11** Annual International Exhibition

curator's selection from TORONTO ART EXPO 2008-2009-2010-2011

For the past four years, every spring Chancery Art Gallery brings to Muskoka selected paintings of international fine artists – participants of TORONTO ART EXPO

We call this annual show *Déjà Vu* – hopefully a pleasant reminiscence for Muskoka residence who had visited the *Metro Toronto Convention Centre* during TORONTO ART EXPO

For those who missed this one of the greatest Toronto's cultural events of the year, it is a chance to catch up and to see samples of fine art that are not available in other exhibition places around Muskoka



At the announcement postcard (above, available in the gallery) artwork © 2009 by Hawa Kaba. *Gate Way.* Mixed media on canvas, 30" x 24"

Déjà Vu '11 will exhibit about two dozens works of fine artists from *Bosnia, Canada, Georgia, Greece, Quebec, Philippines, Russia, West Africa* and *Zimbabwe* – TORONTO ART EXPO exhibitors during 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011:

Michel BEAUDOIN, March GREGOROFF, Hawa KABA, John KOKKINOS, Rolando LAMPITOC, Valeria MRAVYAN, Ioseb NADIRADZE (SOSO), Dragan SEKARIC (SHEX), Leon SORIANO

ART TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR CLASSES FOR A LESSON TO DEMONSTRATE VARIOUS ART STYLES AND TECHNIQUES – CONTACT THE GALLERY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

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"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 Kolobow owner & director

Dr. Paul Ivanoff curator

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