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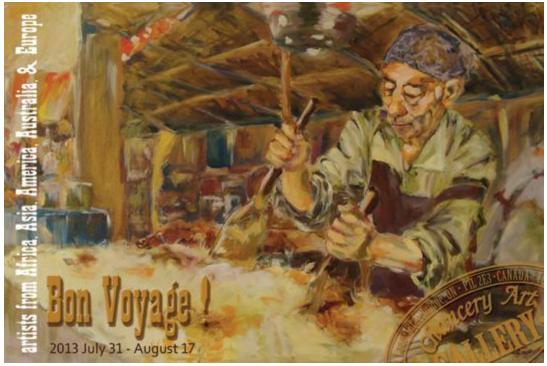
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Chancery Art Gallery downtown Bracebridge, ON (Muskoka)

July 31 – August 17



exhibition of fine artists from Africa, America, Asia, Australia, & Europe



At the announcement card (above, available in the gallery) © 2009 by Rolando Lampitoc. *Okonami Yari Vendor*. Oil on canvas, 24"x38"

Phil ABERNETHY, Brian ASHBY, Michel BEAUDOIN, Mike BELL Davina CHAPMAN, Pat FAIRHEAD, Mikhail GUBIN, Hawa KABA John KOKKINOS, Valeria MRAVYAN, Rolando LAMPITOC Peter LAWSON, Ioseb NADIRADZE (SOSO) Yevgenia NAYBERG, Dragan SEKARIC (SHEX) Leon SORIANO, Inge KJELDGAARD TAJIK

"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

Dr. Paul Ivanoff

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