PRESS RELEASE

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Chancery Art Gallery downtown Bracebridge, ON (Muskoka)

March 6 - May 9

Ladies -first

GROUP EXHIBITION dedicated to the March 8 -**International Women's Day**

Opening Reception: Thursday, March 8, 5-8 PM

Exhibited are related paintings of Michel BEAUDOIN, Pat FAIRHEAD, Mikhail GUBIN, Hawa KABA, John KOKKINOS, Valeria MRAVYAN, Soso NADIRADZE, Yevgenia NAYBERG, Dragan SHEX, Leon SORIANO

CONTEXT

International Women's Day (IWD) is marked on March 8 every year.

Inspired in part by the American socialists,

against employment sex discrimination.

At the announcement card (above, available in the gallery) © 2006 by John KOKKINOS. Indirected Tension. Oil on board, 47" x 31"

German Socialist Luise Zietz proposed the establishment of an annual "International Woman's Day" and was seconded by Clara Zetkin. Delegates (100 women from 17 countries) agreed with the idea as a strategy to promote equal rights, including suffrage, for women. In 1911, IWD was marked for the first time, by over a million people in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. In the Austro-Hungarian Empire alone, there were 300 demonstrations. In Vienna, women paraded on the Ringstrasse and carried banners honouring the

martyrs of the Paris Commune. Women demanded that women be given the right to vote and to hold public office. They also protested

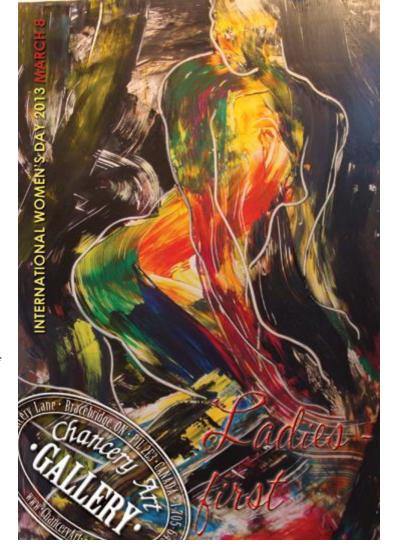
In 1977 the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8 as the UN Day for Women's Rights and International Peace. In different regions the focus of the celebrations ranges from general celebration of respect, appreciation and love towards women to a celebration for women's economic, political and social achievements. Started as a Socialist political event, in many regions, the day lost its political flavour, and became simply an occasion for men to express their love for women in a way somewhat similar to a mixture of Mother's Day and St Valentine's Day. Flowers and chocolate are of the most common March 8 presents in many

March 8 celebration in Chancery Art Gallery from 5 to 8 pm - step by for some chocolate etc. traditional for the occasion...

GALLERY HOURS:

WED 5 PM - 8 PM TUE 5 PM - 8 PM SAT 10 AM - 2 PM

countries. (from the WikipediA).



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

"The only possible teacher

From the Freudian view, arts

except torture is fine art"

Bernard Shaw The Doctor's Dilemma

".. 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

mystic secret; it's art.

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

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