

## PRESS RELEASE

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Chancery Art Gallery  
Muskoka  
Downtown Bracebridge

August 20 – September 6

### "Memories & Discoveries"

solo exhibition by

**Leon SORIANO**

Opening reception with artist:  
Thursday, August 21 at 5 PM



At the announcement postcard (above, available in the gallery)  
© 2013 by Leon SORIANO. *African Memories*. Mixed media on paper, 22" x28"

### Leon SORIANO

Born in Zimbabwe, studied art in Cape Town and London, UK.

Exhibited at various established galleries.

A recipient of several prestigious awards.

An elected member of *The Federation of Canadian Artists*.

Listed among the "Master Painters of the World"

by *The International Artist* magazine.

*"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](http://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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