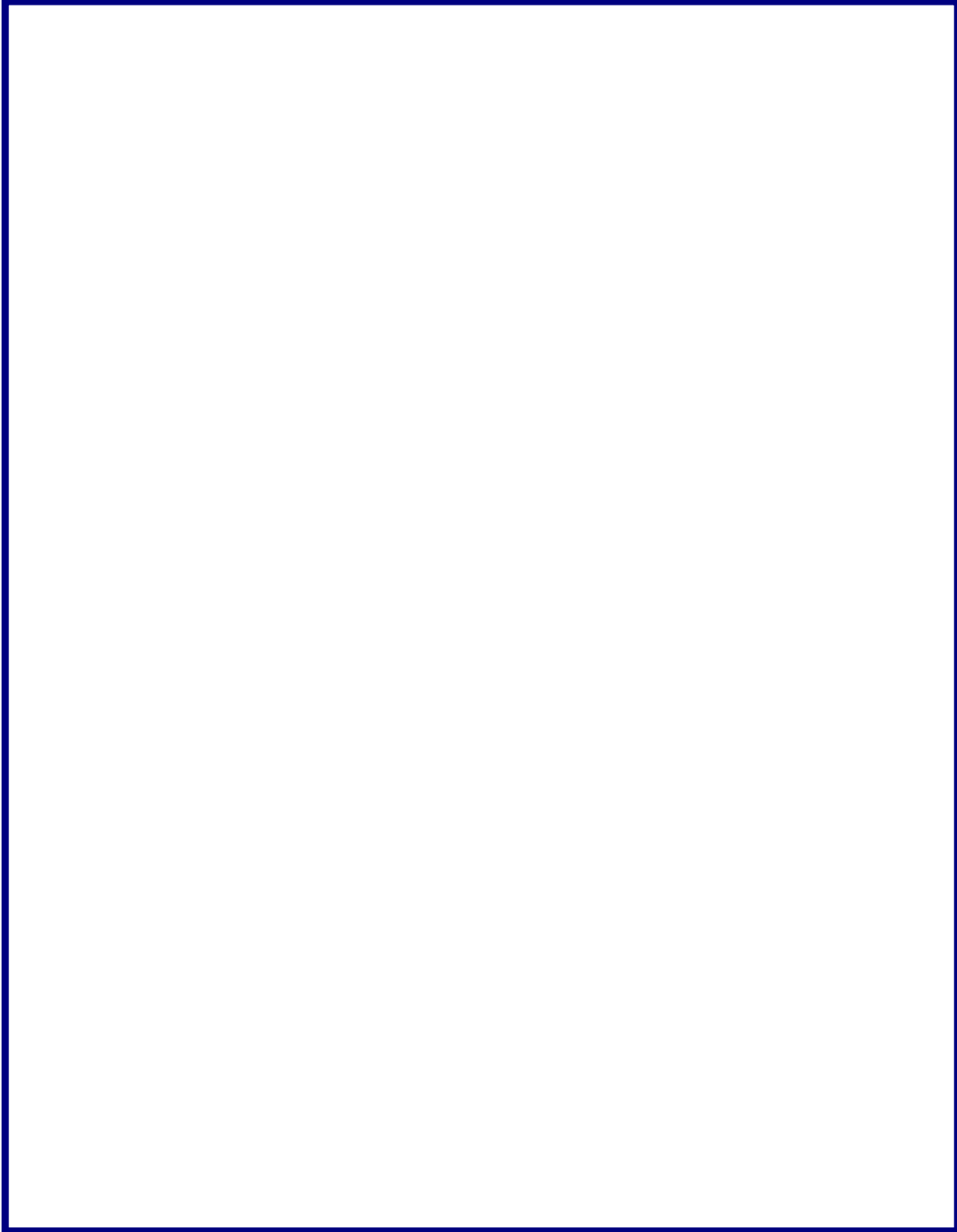


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Cultural Migrations Art Auction Publicity

Alberta artists raise funds for Greek Cultural Olympiad

Five talented Albertans who plan on going to Greece later this year are seeking financial support in order to demonstrate to the world what years of training and dedication can accomplish.

These five individuals aren't athletes competing for gold during the XXVII Olympics in Athens. They are sculptors, who will take part in the 2004 Cultural Olympiad on the tiny island of Tinos, Greece in October.

Artists Ray Arnatt, Isla Burns, Honsun Chu, Katie Ohe and Reinhard Skoracki will exhibit their works on the 194-sq.-km island located in the Aegean Sea. The exhibit is called *Migrations in the Third Dimension: Tradition and Innovation in Canada and the Cyclades*. But before the five can get over to Tinos for the much-anticipated bi-continental event, they'll need to raise more than a few euros.

To accomplish that goal, the

Calgary Contemporary Arts Society and Triangle Gallery of Visual Arts have teamed up to host a silent art auction and Greek wine and cheese party at the Hellenic community hall (1 Tamarac Crescent S.W.) on Saturday, March 20 at 7 p.m.

During the evening, guests will have the opportunity to acquire, at a bargain, paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures including a marble work donated by internationally recognized, Tinos-based artist Petros Dellatolas. Following the Cultural Olympiad on Tinos, Dellatolas and fellow artist Annette Fougny will be in Calgary to exhibit their sculptures at Triangle Gallery from Nov. 12, 2004 to Jan. 8, 2005.

Tickets for the fundraiser can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Triangle Gallery at 262-1737.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Home is where the art is—at least for the Calgary artists taking part in the annual **Artist Home + Studio Tour**, none of whom live in a dusty hotel with cats. This is a chance to see from whence some of the city's best art springs. On March 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. you can tour the eight very different, funky abodes and studios of artists such as Helena Hadala, Bill Morton, Evelyn Grant and couples Colleen Philippi and James Halroyd, or Wendy Toogood and Don Mabee. The tours raise funds for the not-for-profit Triangle Gallery. Tickets are \$25 and include a Triangle Gallery annual membership. Call 262-1737.

As part of the upcoming Summer Olympics in Athens, a series of cultural events in Greece will explore the history of art and how countries have influenced one another. In one, notable Albertan and Greek sculptors will trade places as part of an exhibit in Tinos. The exchange, called **Migration in the Third Dimension: Tradition and Innovation in Canada and the Cyclades**, features, among others,

Albertans Ray Arnatt, Katie Ohe (her work is pictured at left), Isla Burns and Honsun Chu. To help send our artists and their rocks to Greece, a Greek-themed wine and cheese fundraiser with a silent auction featuring works by various artists takes place from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. March 20 at the Greek Community Hall (1 Tamarac Cres. S.W). Tickets are \$30. Call 262-1737 or 238-0701.



Alums on the move

Reinhard Skoracki has been enjoying some success with his career. He is a sculptor and alumni from 1997. Reinhard has a couple major exhibitions coming up. In September he is part of a group show at Art is Vital Gallery (their 10th Anniversary) where he will be showing 4 new pieces. Also opening in September is a juried exhibition in Japan called Toyama International Sculpture Biennale 2003.

58 works were chosen out of 633 entries from all over the world for this huge sculpture show. Reinhard participated in the same competition with success in 1999 as well. Never one to rest on his laurels, Reinhard also has a very prestigious show coming up in 2004. The Art Exchange and the Circle of Artists of the Calgary Contemporary Arts Society proposed a quadrennial cultural exchange between the artistic communities of Alberta and the island of Tinos, Greece. The Cultural Olympiad 2004 exhibition will feature the work of Alberta sculptors Ray Arnatt, Isla Burns, Honsun Chu, Katie Ohe and Reinhard Skoracki. The sculptors were chosen for their contributions as productive and celebrated artists whose work has left its mark across Alberta, Canada and around the world. The cultural exchange will continue with an exhibit in Calgary at the Triangle Gallery of the work of two Tinos artists Petros Dellatolas and Anette Fougny. So, if you have a chance, check out Reinhard's exceptional work. He makes beautifully crafted bronze, steel and copper sculptures. The writings of Franz Kafka have been a major inspiration to Reinhard's work. As well, his wit and sense of humour shine through. "As you can see in my sculptures, despite the troubling world, I inject a dose of humour into my art and humour is inseparable with hope," Reinhard says.



By Reinhard Skoracki, bronze, 2002/10 on edition 1

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