

Art Diary

With the melting of the snow, the chirping of the birds, and the glimpse of grass finally making its way through, the artists at the Beauchamp Art Galleries, are abandoning their winter themes to make way for the sunny season. For an insight of what spring has in store for you, come and visit the Beauchamp Art Galleries. The vivid colours will certainly help you get rid of the winter blues...

A New Quebec Artist at the Beauchamp Art Galleries...

During the month of March, the Beauchamp Art Galleries welcomed a new female artist who was born in Hull, Quebec. The paintings of **Marie-Christine Nadeau** can be found at the Beauchamp Art Gallery located at 50, rue Notre-Dame, Quebec. This self-taught artist enjoys working with a palate knife and other sculpting tools that enable her to create interesting textures. Gold and bronze leaf is also another element that Nadeau integrates in her work. Her pieces are collected in private and corporate collections throughout Canada, the United States of America, Asia, Australia, and Europe.



Her paintbrush strokes are bold, her textures are intricate, and her colour schemes unusual and daring. All these aspects in

her work call for an artist that has captured the attention of many. May you enjoy discovering this artist with undeniable talent; Marie-Christine Nadeau.

On a sadder note, Our Condolences to the Family and Friends of Claude Guertin...

The Beauchamp Art Galleries were regretful to announce the passing of an exceptional artist who has been represented by the Beauchamp Art Galleries since the opening of the Beauchamp Contemporary Gallery.



Claude Guertin, a well respected contemporary painter and lawyer passed away in the first week of March while enjoying one of his favourite past times- Squash. Guertin was passionate about the arts, making painting one of his main focuses in life since 1985, as well as teaching law at the University Laval.

Guertin's work has been exhibited in various solo and group exhibitions around the world including: Boston, Manchester (New Hampshire), Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Eastman, Sillery, Baie Saint-Paul, Plano (Texas), Dallas, Nice and Barcelona. His work can also be found in many corporate and private collections including: Cirque du Soleil, Musée du Bas Saint-Laurent, Holt Renfrew, Head Research, Corporation Fortune, Hélène Garant, Gentec Inc., and Bagel Tradition'l.

We send our most sincerely condolences to his family, friends, students, and all who know this wonderful man and exceptional artist.

Just in Time For Spring... Marcel Côté's Virtual Exhibition...



Marcel Côté's choices of colours never cease to enthrall us. His vibrant reds, deep fuchsias, notorious purples, glowing yellows, and romantic pinks are especially attractive during the spring season as so many of us at this time of year long for the abundant colours of spring and the warmth of

summer. That is why the Beauchamp Art Galleries organized a virtual exhibition of Marcel Côté's paintings that began on March 25th and will continue until the 8th of April, just in time for Easter. What better way to banish the winter blues than with the captivating and vibrant flower compositions of Marcel Côté.

Marcel Côté's work can be found at the Royal Beauchamp Art Gallery located at 53, rue St-Pierre as well as at the Beauchamp Art Gallery of Baie-St-Paul, located at 16, rue St-Jean Baptiste.

LES FEMMES ARTISTES-PEINTRES

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All of the female artists' who have had confidence in the Beauchamp Family and who have placed their creations at the Beauchamp Art Galleries, may they be painters or sculptures, are all as talented as the other. Their sensitivity and awareness brings a special touch to their work. They all have their own unique style and technique, and they all behold their own theme and way of portraying it.

To all these female artists:

Thank-you for sharing your gift with us...

Mélan; Mélanie Simard... A Promising Artist...

In its spring edition, Magazin' Art, a very sought out Art Magazine from Quebec, has designated a special tribute to Melanie Simard.

This young artist, also known as Mélan, has been exhibiting her two styles of painting at the Beauchamp Art Galleries for the past seven years.



Born in 1975, in Boischatel, Quebec, Mélanie Simard was fascinated by all art forms as early as nine years old. Now, as an adult, Simard juggles her two careers brilliantly; that of a graphic artist and that of a painter. Her paintings also

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'co-exists' between two very distinct styles.

Her still life paintings signed Mélan, offer a textured finish. When one views a Mélan

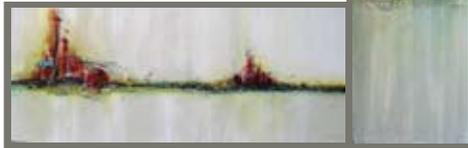


painting, one is overwhelmed by the impulse of 'wanting to touch' the creation before one's eyes. The textures are captivating and the vibrant and pure colours are fascinating. As a finishing touch, Mélan adds a very glossy and thick varnish to her subject, leaving the background matte. The painting is whimsical yet flawless and the overall effect is tantalizing.

Her other paintings, signed Mélanie Simard, have a more abstract side to them. Being very contemporary, they seem more mature and toned-down, yet they are just as enticing. This style is based on a cold and rigid substance called aluminium. Simard mounts the foil on a textured canvas. Here the metal matter takes on a second life, in which Simard then adds the vibrant palette for which she is known for, however, while minimizing the quantity of colour applied.

With her second style, Simard has made her place in the world of contemporary art. Her pieces have even been designated as being 'sure-values' for the Contemporary Art Collectors (as declared in the *Parcours Magazine*). Needless to say, Melanie Simard is a promising artist who has an auspicious career ahead of her, and produces paintings that one must surveil.

To see more work by Mélanie Simard, visit our website.



The Beauchamp Royal and Associates Art Gallery located at 124, cote de la Montagne, received another prestigious artist to their collection: Irena Koulikov was born in Kokand, Usbekistan. She studied fine art at Moscow State University in 1986. She also explored her musical talents at Leningrad Conservatory for two years before becoming a choir singer at the Rimsky-Korsakov Opera Theatre. As much as she enjoyed the choir, she left her singing career in 1993 to devote herself to painting on a full time basis.

Now established in Toronto, Koulikov uses acrylic paint on which she applies liquid encaustic; an ancient technique which softens and yellows colours, and renders an aged look to the finished canvas. Koulikov is very much influenced by the 17th Century Dutch Collection as well as by the 19th Century French Barbizon School. In her creative process, her musical background resurfaces through her habit of enjoying listening to classical music while painting.



In her tranquil landscape scenes, the warm rich browns, stark creams, and vibrant reds create a soothing effect to the viewer. One feels serene and at peace when observing the elements that inhabit a Koulikov composition.

The Beauchamp Art Galleries invite you to let your mind and imagination wander in another era where time was not an extravagance... Come and feel for yourself how comforting Koulikov's paintings are.

Joelle Blouin a young passionate artist at the Beauchamp Art Gallery

Each year, the Beauchamp Art Galleries select one young, emerging and professional artist to add to their repertoire of exceptional artists. 2008 was no different when the Beauchamp Family invited the talented young artist Joelle Blouin into their galleries. At just 24 years old, Joelle brilliantly transcends on canvas her vision of a landscape. Her urban scenes are inspired by her own photographs of downtown Quebec City, Montreal, and New York. The Beauchamp Art Gallery at 50, rue Notre Dame just received four new pieces by Blouin this past week! We invite you to come and see for yourselves the talent of this young artist!



Marcel Côté painting live in front of you at the Royal Beauchamp Art Gallery...

When one's gaze rests upon a painting by Marcel Côté, one cannot help but think of spring and all the wonderful colours and blooming flowers it brings. That is why the Beauchamp Art Galleries have organized an event that will certainly warm and soothe the heart and soul of all those who long for summer. Marcel Côté has been invited to the Royal Beauchamp Art Gallery, located at 53, rue St-Pierre on the week-end of the 4th and 5th of April to paint live in front of you; An event that will surely enamour all those who will attend. Marcel Côté's fascination for flowers and his love of colour is contagious, so come and let yourselves be enraptured by this wonderful artist.

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