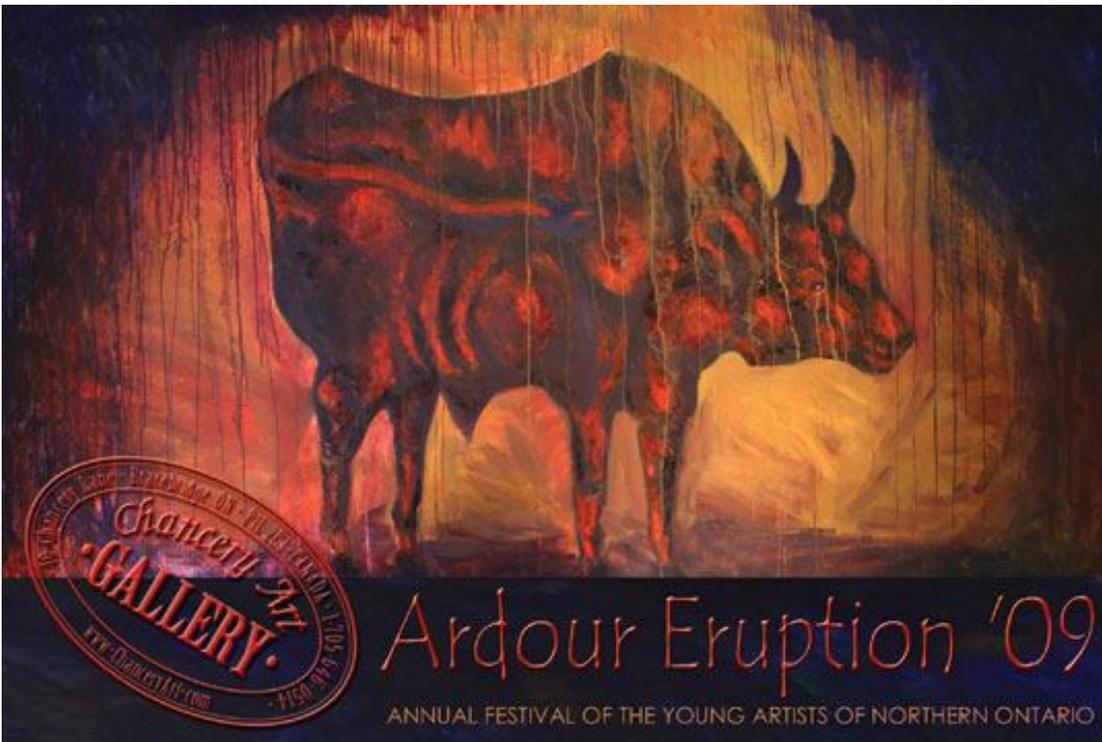


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ARDOUR ERUPTION '09 Annual Festival of Young Artists at Chancery Art Gallery March 7 – 15

WITH INTENTION to support the rather exclusive number of young Canadians who sincerely believe that "Art Matters," to bring together young artistic talents and have fun celebrating the conclusion of our long, cold and snowy winter in the North...



On the above announcement postcard: an artwork granted with "Best in Show - Certificate of Ovation" during the last year festival:
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This year, among the young presenters will be students from Toronto, Ottawa and New York showing their artwork, animation, and a creative writing.

GALA OPENING on Saturday, March 7, 5–8 pm

- Young people will meet new friends while speaking about their artwork, showing films and photography, playing musical instruments, reading their prose and poetry, etc
- Art professionals of Muskoka will give useful consultations
- Workshop in *Art Therapy* will be offered
- Refreshment served

FESTIVAL WEEK, March 8 – 14

- Every visitor of the show will be a jury choosing favorite pieces for further awarding
- Teachers of music, theatre, literature and filmmaking are invited to show achievements of their classes for parents and friends of the students, and for general public of Muskoka

CLOSING RECEPTION on Sunday, March 15, 4–6 pm

- Muskoka artists will give friendly critique
- Chairs of three jury panels will present Certificates of Recognition to visual artist selected by the public: awards from Muskoka Artists, Galleries and Residents
- An endowment will be granted to a selected visual artist by a private donor – JBS Art Scholarship – to support his/her further endeavour in professional art career
- Concert

THIS IS AN ANNUAL CHARITABLE PROJECT OF THE GALLERY – SPONSORS ARE VERY WELCOME

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*"The only possible teacher
except torture is fine art"*

Bernard Shaw
The Doctor's Dilemma

Chancery Art Gallery is a commercial gallery which accepts original works of contemporary fine art on consignment and acts as the artist's non-exclusive agent for exhibition and sales.

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 one thing which may
in some degree reconcile the
cultured person with life –
scientific and artistic enjoyment..."*

Eduard von Hartmann
Philosophy of the Unconscious

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 gallery's mission:
*"Piece of pie to the artists,
Peace of mind to the rest of us"*

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