

With appreciation of *Freudian Psychoanalysis* as the most profound metaphor ever offered for the comprehension of human behaviour,

Sigmund FREUD's birthday

is annually celebrated on **May 6th** at 6 – 8 PM
in **Chancery Art Gallery**
owned by two psychology doctors

1. PROGRAM

of this evening will includes

- Freud's readings;
- pieces of poetry, prose and music performed by the guests;
- group analysis of visual art and dreams;
- rare short films with following group discussion;
- cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

2. Poets, writers, musicians, philosophers, and simply those who are sympathising to the idea are invited to **REGISTER** for this gathering.

ADMISSION is free.

3. It would be mostly suitable if the presented pieces will be somehow associated with such "Freudian" **THEMES** as *Unconscious Drives, Basic Instincts, Inter/Intra-Personal Conflicts, Libido, Love, Dreams, Fears*, etc.

4. It is not a "public event" per se, but rather a private reception – **RESERVATION** is necessary. No advertising will be released, except to what you find on the gallery website. Expected is a close circle of people who will share with each other their thoughts and feelings, and have fun.

This annual event is **SPONSORED** by *Chancery Art Gallery* with affiliated psychology office *Private Counseling Associates*.

Sigmund FREUD's birthday

is annually celebrated on the evening of **May 6th** in Muskoka at Chancery Art Gallery owned by two psychology doctors as acknowledgment of Freudian Theory as the most profound metaphor ever offered for the comprehension of human behaviour. In Program of this gathering:

- poetry
- music
- film
- art
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Poets, writers and musicians are invited to share their thoughts and feelings, and have fun. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Free admission. Details at www.ChanceryArt.com

"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 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 Kolobov
owner & director

Dr. Paul Ivanoff
curator

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