



TaBois - Bonhomme Galerie d'Art

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McLean's Latest Art Gallery

Tuesday, November 20, 2007, McLean, Virginia – There's a new art gallery in McLean, TaBois – Bonhomme Galerie d'Art. Founded by Cecelia TaBois, an artist in her own right, the gallery is located in the Regency at McLean, 1800 Old Meadow Road, Suite 113, near Tysons Corner.

From November 16 – December 16, 2007, the gallery is featuring paintings by Thomas Xenakis, a Washington D.C.-based painter exhibiting nationally and internationally. He is currently the fine arts professor at Georgetown University and the Corcoran College of Art and Design, and other schools, where he teaches drawing and painting. Mr. Xenakis is a two-time recipient of a Senior Fulbright Fellowship to Greece. When viewing the Xenakis exhibit, you will be overtaken by a wealth of gold, which permeates the selection of these abstract paintings. According to Xenakis, there is a spiritual story behind each piece. The art ranges in size from small (7 x 7 inches) to larger works. The artist's aim is to bring sacred and secular together. This exhibit is derived from sacred icons of the Byzantine Medieval period, yet the totally abstract nature of these pieces is unique.

The use of precious metals – gold, silver and copper – add to the sense of real light, inner light and divine light. In the mixed media used, some of these abstractions are

two or three-dimensional. This artwork must really be seen to gain an understanding of the diversity of Xenakis' work.

In addition, Cecelia TaBois shows some of her own work, which is in charcoal, oils, and photography. The art shown is primarily a mixture of figures and portraits with some other subjects included.

There are also a few pieces by woodworker Paul Seery, including a loon you'd swear was about to make its strange cry, and a grouper on a beautiful piece of driftwood. Seery specializes in marine life.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 12-4 p.m., 7:30-9:30 p.m., Saturday 12-7 p.m., closed for holidays, and by appointment. Current information is posted on the website: www.ctabois.com. Contact: Cecelia TaBois (703) 442-7588; e-mail: ctabois@metronets.com.