



First Snow, Laurentian Chalet by John Mlacak

Kanata artist showing at Croatian Embassy

Kanata's John Mlacak has been invited to have a solo exhibition of 30 oil paintings at the Embassy of Croatia from Feb. 12 to March 12, 2004. The embassy is launching the show in conjunction with welcoming the new Croatian Ambassador to Canada, Zeljko Bosnjak.

The diplomatic community is invited to view the exhibition called, "Celebrating Colour" and to meet the ambassador at a reception to be held on Feb. 11.

The show is open to the public from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting on Feb. 12. The embassy is in Sandy Hill at 229 Chapel Street (off Laurier Avenue East). It is the former Toller House built in 1875 and beautifully refurbished by the Croatian Canadian community and the Croatian government.

Mlacak's dramatic use of brilliant colours is immediately apparent in the paintings he has created for this oil exhibition. The canvases range in size from 11" x 14" to 48" x 60" and depict the vivid hues of fall and early snow in the Laurentians and the Gatineau. The torrent of rivers and streams in Algonquin Park beckon spring and the soft summer breeze can be felt in scenes of vineyards and courtyards in France.

Mlacak's parents emigrated from Croatia to settle in Windsor, Ontario. His father found work with the Ford Motor Company and, of the six children in the family, three were born in Croatia and John was the first of three to be born in Canada. John has always remained closely tied to his Croatian heritage and is honored to show his work in this magnificent setting.

For information/appointment, call the embassy at 562-7820, ext. 11 or John Mlacak at 592-1620.