

# PALETTE

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## THE UNIQUE VISION OF SAMUEL BAK HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR'S EXHIBITION SET TO OPEN AUGUST 22

A new exhibition, *Samuel Bak: Symbols & Dreams*, will be presented at the Museum beginning Thursday, August 22, 2002 and running through October 27, 2002. His work encompasses a range of emotion and experience, and has been described as "where DaVinci meets Dali." Over fifty of his almost surrealistic images will be featured in the exhibit. A gala opening reception featuring exotic coffees and gourmet desserts is planned from 6 to 8 pm, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.



"Experiments in Wisdom II" by Samuel Bak

Samuel Bak was born in 1933 in Vilna, Poland and was recognized from an early age as possessing extraordinary artistic talent. As Vilna came under German occupation in 1940, Bak and his family moved into the Vilna ghetto, and later to a labor camp, from which he was smuggled and given refuge in a monastery. At the end of the war, his mother and he were the only members of his extensive family still alive.

Bak, now 69, has spent his life illustrating the destruction and dehumanization which make up his childhood memories. He expresses the inexpressible atrocities of the Holocaust. He has created a visual language to remind the world of the most desperate moments in its history.

In order to approach an understanding of Samuel Bak's work, one must look deeply into his past, the tragic, terrifying years of his childhood and early manhood as a Holocaust survivor. Bak was held at a labor camp in the Vilna Ghetto, and later in the D. P. Camps.

Symbolism is everywhere, largely derived from the Torah and Jewish experience, but also from such diverse sources as Renaissance art, 20th century history, and in some cases, Chess pieces. It is a world of darkness and dark meanings, sad and contemplative, and at times even terrifying. Bak has been through it all, both external and internal suffering, and has shared in the monumental suffering of his people, and through the bits and pieces—the fragments of memory—he recalls that experience to his viewers.

### UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Now thru Jul 21  
*Bart Walter:  
Soul of Africa*

*The Road Less  
Traveled*

*CMA Potters' Guild  
Explores Africa*

Jul. 19 - Aug. 9  
*Celebrating Stark  
County 2002 Photo  
Exhibition*

Aug 18 - Oct 27  
*Samuel Bak:  
Symbols & Dreams*

*Preserve & Protect:  
The Arts &  
Conservation*

*Angelica Pozo:  
Florecimiento  
Labyrinthine*

### DEADLINE AND AWARDS SET FOR STARK PHOTO CONTEST

The *Celebrating Stark County 2002* Photography Competition & Exhibit's deadline for entries has been extended until June 30. Nevertheless, the exhibit will open with an Awards Ceremony and Reception on Friday,

**CELEBRATING  
Stark County 2002**  
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION & EXHIBIT

July 19 from 6 to 9 pm. The project was funded by grants from William E. Shanfelt Philanthropic Fund of The Stark Community Foundation, the Deuble Foundation and The Sisters of Charity with the additional support of Prudential DeHoff and *The Repository*. For more information go online at [www.cantonart.org](http://www.cantonart.org) or [www.cantonrep.com](http://www.cantonrep.com).

# Affiliates and Activities

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



M.J. Albacete

CMA Members who went on our weekend bus tour to Toronto, Canada a few years back will remember the wonderful adventure we had together. It's an exciting city with a world-class museum, top-notch theatres, a fine concert hall, superb international restaurants, a massive underground shopping mall, and a great exchange rate! Well, we've just learned of a spectacular exhibition of ancient Chinese artifacts coming to the Royal Ontario Museum, and we're planning another trip to Toronto to see this fabulous collection.

We're working on a schedule for October 3rd through 6th, and we hope to get enough participants to fill a bus. In addition to a tour of the *Treasures from a Lost Civilization: Ancient Chinese Art from Sichuan* exhibition (hopefully accompanied by a friend of mine who works at the ROM), the CMA group will have tickets to *Mamma Mia!*, a fine dinner at one of Toronto's excellent restaurants (maybe Chinese Sichuan style?), and a bus tour of the city. We will also visit Niagara-on-the-Lake's Shaw Festival to take in GBS' *Candida* and a second play. There will be plenty of shopping time, maybe a quick view of the Falls, and of course that all-important stop at the Duty Free Shop on the way back. As in the past, we will use one of the fine, deluxe model busses.

Just from word-of-mouth and an e-mail to our Trustees, we've had about a dozen inquiries, so get your name on our mailing list ASAP by calling Lynn at the CMA, 453-7666. Just as soon as a full itinerary is confirmed and a price determined, we will pass this information on to you. Once again Dottie Kandel is doing lots of terrific planning for the trip, and together we will serve as hosts for all our activities.

## Researching Our History

The Museum has recently been gathering information on the history of the people and family's for whom our galleries and other areas are named. Our sixty-seven years of existence has been marked by exceptional volunteerism and philanthropy. If you have information and/or photographs of the people who have been recognized for their efforts, please contact Robb Hyde or Kay Scarpitti on the Museum Office at 330-453-7666.

## Spoken Word Safari on June 29

Join us for "... a spoken word safari, A night of Poetry and African Art," Saturday evening, June 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Presented by the Young Black Professionals in the Wilkof Courtyard of the Museum, this is a gathering to experience ethnic cuisine, poetry reading, and the *Soul of Africa* exhibit by artist Bart Walter. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, which includes parking and may be purchased by calling Steven D. Tyson at 330-497-9147 or Robert Mitchell at 330-253-8366.



"Lioness Field Study" from the exhibit *Bart Walter Soul of Africa*

The Young Black Professionals is a networking organization in northeastern Ohio that promotes economic development, career enhancement, cultural awareness, and positive community involvement.

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## On the Horizon . . .

### Upcoming Exhibits at CMA

#### Celebrating Stark County 2002

July 19 to August 11, 2002

Photographs of lives lived, places seen, events recorded right here in Stark County by hometown photographers are the center piece of this exhibition. Over \$5,000 in prizes will be awarded.

#### Angelica Pozo: Florecimiento Labyrinthine

August 22 to October 27, 2002

Pozo, a Cleveland artist, will create a ceramic sculpture and tile installation in the Milligan Gallery, creating a serene, reflective atmosphere of blossom forms through a maze-like path. Pozo is noted for her installations and site-specific public art.



"Daybreak" by Douglass Allen, from the 35<sup>th</sup> Art & the Animal exhibit

#### Art & the Animal

#### from the Society of Animal Artists

November 29, 2002 to January 21, 2003

A healthy variety of furred, finned and feathered subjects will be enjoyed in *Art and the Animal*—from a herd of elephants fording a river to a resting golden retriever.

### Ohio Bicentennial Exhibitions:

#### In a Clear Light: The Triumph of Ohio Watercolorists—1881-1967

April 18 – July 20, 2003

#### Turkey River: Native American Art & Culture of the Ohio Country

August 22 to October 26, 2003

Two exhibitions timed for Ohio's 200th birthday. One an explosion of pastels and watercolors and the other celebration of the art and heritage of the Native Americans living in the Ohio Country prior to statehood.



"Santa Maria della Salute, Venice" by Cleveland born Henry G. Keller, from the *In a Clear Light* exhibit

### Potters' Set For Summer

The Canton Potters Guild's recent May sale was very successful this year.

The Bowls for Hunger campaign raised \$1,025, which will be donated to the Stark

County Hunger Task Force. The Guild members donated

first quality bowls for this fundraiser. It is particularly gratifying to note that for every

11 cents donated, the Task Force is able to provide \$1.00 worth of food to feed the hungry within our community. Congratulations to the Guild for their hard work in making this event a success.

Guild Potter Patty Sheppard's functional and decorative work will be featured. The Museum Shop for the month of June, followed by Deborah Feree during the month of July.

Please note that original artwork made by the Potter's Guild members can be found in the Museum's lobby showcase every day.

### IMLS Publication Features CMA

The Canton Museum of Art's efforts in conservation of its collection is one of 21 museums profiled in a new publications from the Federal Government's Institute of Museum and Library Services. The book is a tool for museum professionals to educate their boards, contributors, patrons, and communities-at-large about the importance of conserving their collections. Beautifully illustrated in full-color, the book highlights 21 conservation projects ranging from the preventative conservation of Franz Marc's Large Blue Horses at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis to eradicating bovine tuberculosis in African Bongo antelopes at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans.

President-elect of CMA's Board of Directors, David Baker, and Executive Director, M. J. Albacete, will travel to Washington, DC on June 26th to represent the Museum at a Capitol Hill reception marking the publication of the book and IMLS' 25th Anniversary.

### Christkindl Needs Books, CDs

Cleaning out the closets or your college student's old room? Canton Fine Arts is looking for donations of books and CDs for the return of the Buchs & Musik Sale to this year's Christkindl Markt. Donations may be delivered to Barb Forrester in the CMA Offices.

# Membership, Exhibits & Affiliates

#### Museum Activities

CMA Board Meeting  
Jun. 26th - 5:15 pm

Opera Class  
Jul. 13th - 10:30 am

Opening Reception  
Celebrating Stark County 2002  
Jul. 19th - 6:00 pm

Bart Walter exhibit closes  
Jul. 21st - 5:00 pm

Hall of Fame Events  
Aug. 2 - All Day

## Museum Guild Marks 25 in Style

In celebration of the Museum Guild's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a luncheon was held at Brookside Country Club to honor the present officers and members, along with past presidents and members who devoted their time and talents to the Guild's projects.

The Museum Guild began with a membership of 33 influential women whose purpose was to raise funds for the Canton Art Institute. It all began in 1977, when the Guild hosted the very successful *Casino Royale*, which had a three-year run. From 1981 to 1989, the Guild sponsored eight seasons of *Town Hall*, a lecture series, with such notables as Walter Cronkite, Tip O'Neil, Malcolm Forbes, Beverly Sills, and Henry Kissinger.

Following that success, the Guild sponsored *Nightingales and Dragons*, a dinner and dance to celebrate the opening of an exhibit from Kent State Museum of Fashion Design. The exhibit featured elaborate Chinese robes, elegantly displayed throughout the galleries.

The *Phantom of the Museum Masked Ball* followed next, along with several Art Auctions. In March of 1991, the first *Country in Canton* Antiques Show and Sale was presented. Over the next 12 years, the name was changed to *Antiques In Canton* Show and

Sale, but the fine antiques and collectibles remained the same.

With a current membership of 60 active and 39 sustaining women, the Guild continues to sponsor exhibits, outreach programs and supply operating funds for our Museum. To this end, the Museum Guild has raised over \$601,540.

The CMA Board of Directors and Staff congratulate the Museum Guild on its longevity and for the shared talents, creativity, enthusiasm, and support of these noteworthy (and fun!) projects. MUSEUM GUILD – WE SALUTE YOU!

Plant Et Art & CMA

present  
**That 70's**  
Left  
of  
Center ●  
an evening of art and  
entertainment  
friday, august 16, 2002  
5pm-10 pm

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