

TAOS ART MUSEUM & FECHIN HOUSE EXHIBITION

Nikolai B L O K H I N

"One of the most talented young artists of Russia"

- Russian Art Press

"It is enough to see Nikolai Blokhin's works once to understand that he is a phenomenon of modern art."

> Galina Tuluvakova, foremost Russian art critic and biographer of Nicolai Fechin

"Nikolai Blokhin - A Man of Unique Talent"

- Chief of Research, State Russian Museum of Arts

EDUCATION

1980-1982 - Art School for Gifted Children

1982-1985 - St. Petersburg Middle Art School

1989-1995 - St. Petersburg Academy of Art

1995-2000 - Postgraduate studies of the Easel Painting studio under guidance of member of Academy, Professor Reihet B. I.

1995-2000 - Teacher of drawing in St. Petersburg Academy of Art

2000-2007- Professor of-drawing in St. Petersburg Academy of Art

AWARDS

- 1996 Awarded the Russian Academy of Arts prestigious Gold Medal Award for "Young Artist of the Year"
- 1999 Awarded Grand Prize in "Window to China" Exhibition/Competition, Russia-China
- 2002 Awarded Grand Prize in "Portrait" Competition of the American Society of Portrait Artists (ASORA) at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.
- 2004 Awarded Best of Show in International Portrait Competition of the Portrait Society of America, Boston, USA
- 2006 Official Presentation of Gold Medal for the Russian State Artist's Award at the Duma in Moscow

SELECTED MUSEUM AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Russia, St. Petersburg "State Russian Museum of Arts"

Russia, St. Petersburg "Museum of Theater"

Russian Museum, Moscow

Russia, Moscow "Parliament Center"

China, Chinese National Gallery of Modern Art

Netherlands, "Prince of Orange Collection"

Belgium, "European Parliament"

Finland, "National Gallery"

USA, "Finley Collection"

USA, Santa Fe, "The Downey Gallery"

Russia - Former president of the USSR - M. Gorbachev

Russia - Former President of Russia - B. Elzin

Russia - Former President of Russia - V. Putin

USA - Dr. Carl Fieser and Dr. Merele Fieser

USA -Helen and David Hruska

USA - Taos Art Museum and Fechin House

Egypt - Mohamad M. Abu Elenein

Image on cover:
At the Opera
74" x 52"
Oil on Linen

Many other works are found globally in private collections.

TAOS ART MUSEUM & FECHIN HOUSE

and the

DOWNEY GALLERY

present

"Two Nikolais"

Russian Masters –Past & Present

featuring

Nikolai Blokhin

In His First North American Solo Debut



Photo: Mike Sherwood

Born in 1968 in Saint Petersburg,
Russia, this young master has emerged as one of the most important artists of his time. Trained first at the district art school before entering the Repin Institute (where Fechin studied and taught), Blokhin attained a solid academic foundation in art which can be traced, admired and interpreted today in some of Russia's famous masters from the turn of the 20th century.

While cultivating ideals realised by many of his predecessors in Russian art theory, Blokhins' search towards a traditional expressive language consumed him in his early academic years. It was not until he entered the Academy of Arts that he began to search the canons of those who broke with tradition and shook up thematic artistic views, that he found his own distinct style.

Separated by nearly 100 years, the work of Nicolai Fechin became the inspiration for Blokhin at every level. The passion for drawing, application of paint, and devotion to portraiture embodies their similarity. Like Fechin, Blokhin, too, portrays his family in many a canvas, as they are some of his favorite subjects.

Today, Nikolai Blokhin is a Professor of Art, with emphasis in drawing, at the Academy of Arts in his hometown of Saint Petersburg. The exhibit in Fechin's historic home is Blokhin's first solo show and sale in a North American museum.

– Erion Simpson, Executive Director Taos Art Museum and Fechin House



Organ Grinder • 75" x 75" • Oil on Linen



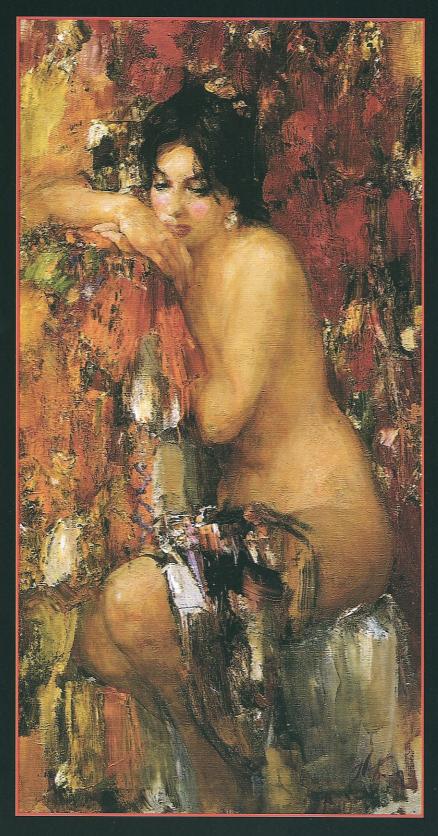
Girls From Venice • 75" x 82" • Oil on Linen



Family From Taos • 60" x 59" • Oil on Linen



Margeaux • 59" x 38" • Oil on Linen



Contemplation 54" x 32" Oil on Linen



Nude From Back 57.5" x 31" Oil on Linen



Margeaux in Green 45" x 30" Oil on Linen

Gold Rooster 52" x 30" Oil on Linen



Margeaux in White • 47" x 36" • Oil on Linen



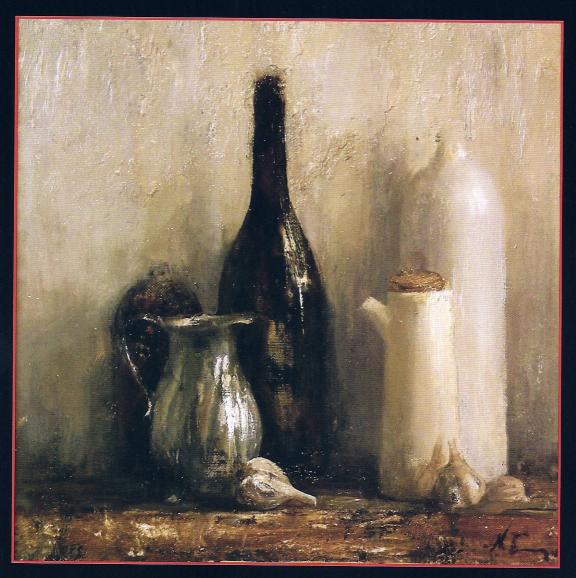
Patricia • 44" x 36.5" • Oil on Canvas



Girl with Russian Shawl • 58" x 37" • Oil on Linen

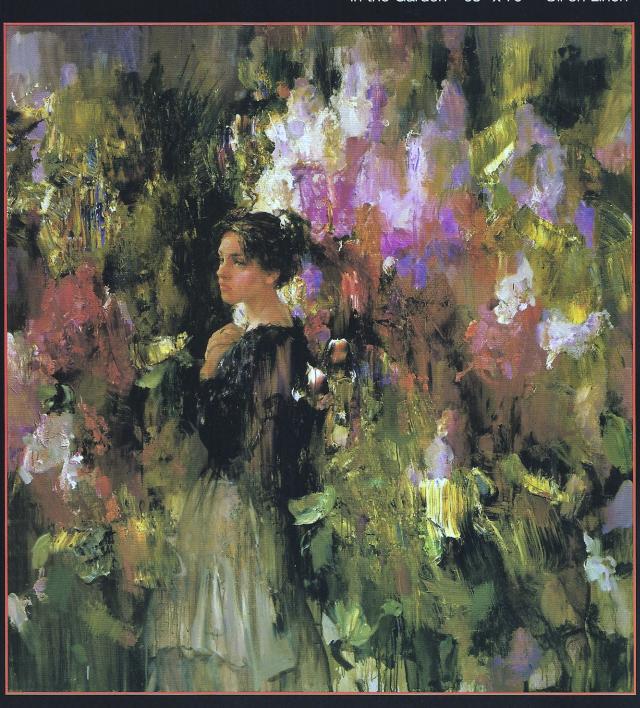


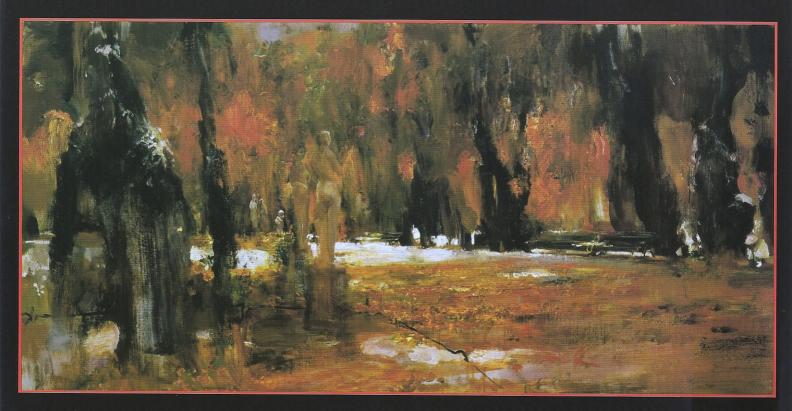
Charming Profile 20.5" x 20.5" Oil on Linen



Still Life • 27" x 27" • Oil on Linen

In the Garden • 63" x 70" • Oil on Linen





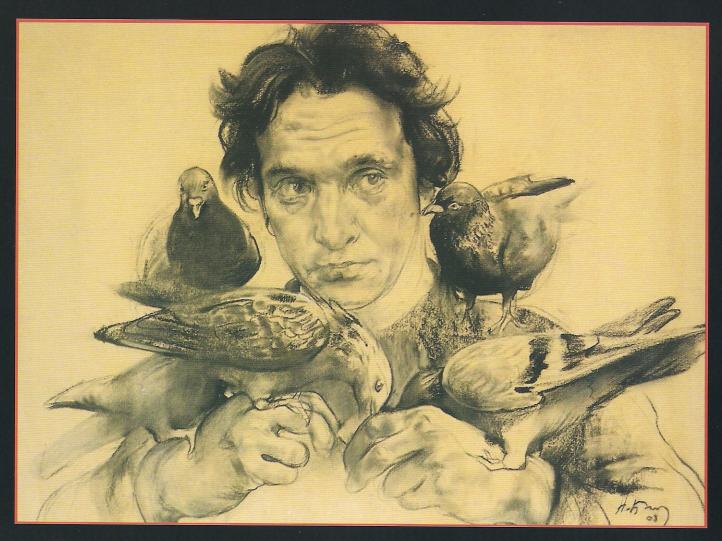
Beautiful Landscape • 43.5" x 78.5" • Oil on Canvas



Harlequin on Blue Horse • 60" x 47" Charcoal

The

BLOKHIN Drawings



Self-Portrait with Birds • 24" x 31.5" • Conté & Charcoal



Profile of Man 24" x 27" Conté & Charcoal

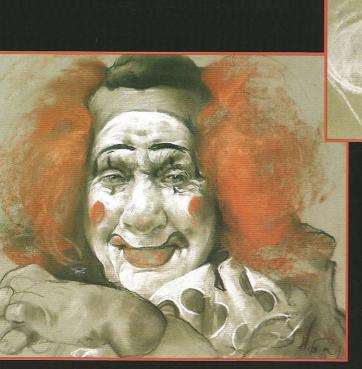
Native American Profile 25" x 31.5" Conté & Charcoal



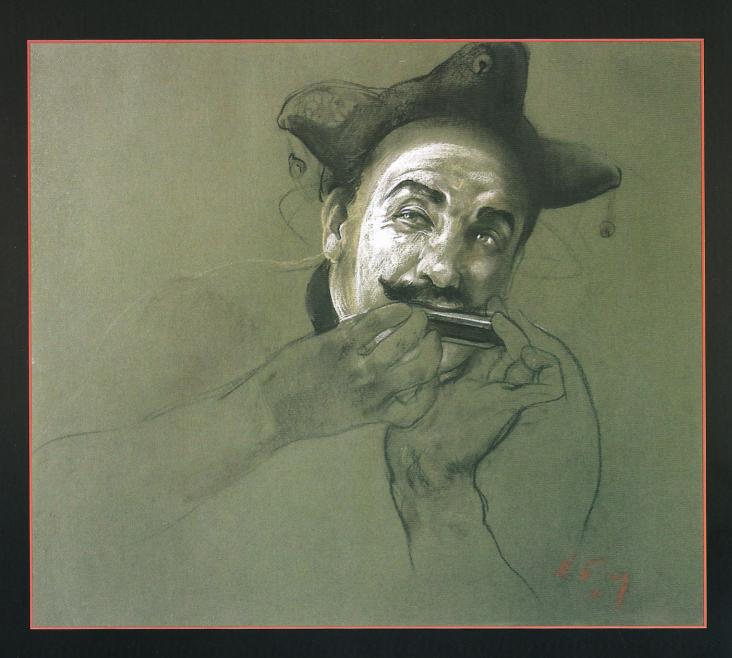


Clown with Red Nose 24" x 32" Conté Crayon

Clown with Black Hair 23" x 19" Conté Crayon



Red Clown 19" x 24.5" Conté Crayon



Clown in Black Hat • 26" x 29" • Conté Crayon



Man in Hat • 24" x 33.5" • Conté Crayon



Russian Grandmother 24" x 19" Charcoal & Pencil



Russian Grandfather 24" x 19" Charcoal & Pencil



Herdsman • 31" x 23.5" Conté & Charcoal



Normand Warrior • 23" x 22" Conté & Charcoal



Grandma with Egg • 29.5" x 26" • Charcoal & Conté



Whistler 51.5" x 30" Oil on Linen