

#### ALEXANDRE GERTSMAN CONTEMPORARY ART



Roger Sen Gupta, Owner, Park Place Capital Group; Congressman Joseph Crowley, Chief Deputy Whip; Alexandre Gertsman; Dr. Manan Trivedi, Congressional Candidate

As we begin the new decade, we at Alexandre Gertsman gallery wish to both share some of the highlights of 2010 and thank you for making it possible.

### A brief history.....

Alexandre Gertsman Contemporary Art, the USA's leading and largest Russian Contemporary art gallery, which collection holds paintings, sculptures, photographs, works on paper, and objects by over 50 contemporary Russian-born artists, the majority of which are some of the most internationally established Russian-born artists. Mr. Gertsman, who was the Founder and President of the International Foundation of Russian and Eastern European Art (INTART), as well as the American Friends of the Tretyakov Gallery Foundation, has curated, over 17 years, more than 50 traveling museum exhibitions of contemporary Russian art at major museums throughout the world and acted as a consultant to those museums, corporations and private collectors, and is the owner/director of the gallery.



Natalya Nesterova, Artist; Alexandre Gertsman, at the opening reception of "Natalya Nesterova: American Spiritual Journey"

#### A synopsis of how we exhibit.....

The gallery has a series of group exhibitions throughout the year, showcasing both the most established Russian-born artists and presenting new emerging artists. These artists are in the permanent collections of prestigious museums around the world, ranging from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, MoMA and the Guggenheim Museum in New York to the Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, D.C., to the Tate Gallery in London, Centre Georges Pompidou -Museum of Modern Art in Paris, Museum of Modern Art in Vienna, Berlin National Gallery of Art, Canadian National Gallery, Australian National Gallery, Museum of Contemporary Art, Rome, The National Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow, and The Hermitage, St. Petersburg. These artists have received major Russian national art awards: the National Prize and the Triumph Award, and were nominated for the Kandinsky Prize. They represented Russia at the Venice Biennale, the world's most important Biennale, and various Biennales and art presentations worldwide.



Joe DeRenzo, jazz drummer, composer and producer; David Hryck, Partner, DLA Piper; "Dr. Ruth", the New York psychologist, broadcaster, and writer Dr. Ruth Westheimer; Peter Max, artist; Karolina Kurkova, Victoria's Secret Angel, actress



Alexandre Gertsman; Christine Ebersole, Tony Award winner, Drama Desk Award winner, Outer Critics Circle Award winner, Drama League Award Winner; Bill Moloney, artist

We kicked 2010 off by presenting THROUGH THE PAST TO THE FUTURE, a group-exhibition of Russia's pre-eminent contemporary artists. We hosted two solo exhibits: the first one was a retrospective exhibition, with a new book, of Vasily Kafanov, who was discovered yet over a decade ago by such glamorous international celebrities as Michelle Pfeiffer and the world-known opera and film director Franco Zeffirelli, who became his first Western collectors. His works were collected later by the family owners of Hermes stores, Leonardo De Caprio, Fisher Steven, and the Smashing Pumpkins. A major book showcasing Vasily Kafanov's 4 decades of artisty, was published in conjunction with this exhibition, and Vasily held a book signing, as well.

The second solo exhibition of 2010 was of Natalya Nesterova, one of the most celebrated Russian artists of our time, titled NATALYA NESTEROVA: AMERICAN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, with works created by Ms. Nesterova in the last several years in USA. This exhibition followed her highly-acclaimed retrospective exhibit, curated by Alexandre Gertsman in 2004 – 2005, which traveled through five of the world's major museums. Nesterova is an Academician, a winner of the National Arts Award in Fine Arts (Gosudarstvennaya Premiya), Honorary Artist of the Russian Federation, and she won the most prestigious TRIUMPH Award. The exhibit was accompanied by a new catalogue, and Ms. Nesterova had a book signing event for her collectors.



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Leonid Sokov, artist; Natalya Sokov; Alexandre Gertsman



Catherine Saxton, Chairman of The Saxton Group



Daniel Speckhard, USA Ambassador to Greece, Former Ambassador to Belarus



Judith Missoni; David Hryck, Partner, DLA Piper; Alexandre Gertsman; Vlada Reznikova, Art Director, Alexandre Gertsman Contemporary Art gallery

The end-of-the year exhibition REMEMBRANCE, currently on display through March 10th of 2011, is showcasing works by the most important Russianborn artists such as Grisha Bruskin, Ivan Chuikov, Semyon Faibisovich, Rimma and Valery Gerlovin, Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, Komar & Melamid, Natalya Nesterova, Boris Orlov, Michel Roginsky, Leonid Sokov, Oleg Vassiliev, and Andrei Volkov. After having exhibited these artists in his museum exhibitions and representing them at the major world's auction houses, Alexandre is pleased to showcase them under one roof in his own gallery.

Alexandre Gersman Contemporary Art gallery hosted a number of cultural and political events, as well as fundraisers in 2010, converting the gallery into an art salon/concert hall.

Together with The Celebrations, presided over by the New York political leader, Uma Senguprta, and Roger Sen Gupta, owner at Park Place Capital Group, a Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney was honored. Congresswoman Maloney discussed the future of New York with questions on Health Care and the Consumer Protection Act. Ms. Maloney answered guest's questions and promised to continue her efforts for the community.

Congressman Joseph Crowley, Chief Deputy Whip Committee, welcomed at the gallery a congressional candidate Dr. Manan Trivedi, Iraq War Veteran and Primary Care Physician. Both Congressman Crowley and Dr. Trivedi discussed with the guests political future of the country.

Together with an international attorney David Hryck, partner of DLA Piper, Alexandre Gertsman hosted a cocktail party in honor of Crown Prince Alexander and Crown Princess Katherine of Serbia to introduce people to the work of the princess's Lifeline Humani-



Alexandre Gertsman; Katherin Guseva, Curator of The Russian Museum, St. Petersburg



Eric Williams, Professional NBA Player, Former Boston Celtic; Uma Sengupta, Honorable District Leader; Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney



Vladislav "Slava" Tsukerman, film director, producer, director and writer



Roman Kaplan, owner of "Russian Samovar" restaurant



Gennady Katsov, Journalist, TV producer; Rika Karbutova, KRIK Enterprises, VP; Violetta Livshen, Artist

tarian charity. Prince Alexander shared his vision about the mission and achievements of their charity as the celebrities and the cultural elite enjoyed mingling and socializing with the honored guests. The collaboration of David Hryck and Alexandre Gertsman has continued in a series of events at the gallery throughout the year, bringing together international art patrons of the cultural and business elite.

ALPHA INDUSTRIES, a major producer or MA-1 flight jackets since 1950s, had celebrated its iconic products and 50th anniversary by mounting an international traveling exhibition, premiering at Alexandre Gertsman's gallery. The exhibit is made up a series of Alpha MA-1 jackets, which are essentially a blank canvas, that have been creatively interpreted by well-known NYC-based artist/designer Brian Wood. The jackets, designed by Mr. Wood, the Alpha's famous vintage jackets, some American memorabilia, and the Russian artworks created a breathtaking and unique art installation. Alan Cirker, president of ALPHA INDUSTRIES, author and publisher of the book "The Alpha story", held a book-signing for guests at the event.

During the New York Fashion week, the gallery showcased THE SUPERWOMAN, the up-and-coming designer's Wilbur Pack, Jr. newest collection for SK Wilbur. Surrounded by works of contemporary Russian artists, Mr. Pack's modern and chic collection for voluptu ous ladies blended with the backdrop of the art harmoniously.

The gallery held an event for a leadership of PROJ-ECT KESHER, the fastest growing advocacy and human rights organizations in Russia, Ukraine, Be-



Edwina Sandys, Sculptor; Alexandre Gertsman



David Margolick, Writer and Journalist, Contributing Editor to Vanity Fair and Newsweek; Kate Bychkova, journalist



Kenneth P. West, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer at Marvel Entertainment; Cindy West; Alexandre Gertsman



David Hryck, Partner, DLA Piper; Alexandre Gertsman; Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia



Archley Prudent, Independent Fundraising Consultant; Alexandre Gertsman; Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney

larus, Moldova, Georgia and Kazakhstan with a grassroots movement of 165 Jewish women's groups and more than 90 multi-ethnic coalitions of women spanning 11 time zones. Surrounded by artworks by contemporary artists from the former Soviet Union, the American philanthropists had honored their major advocates. At their own event, the Leadership Council of GLAAD brought together the most distinguished individuals from across the USA who are dedicated to and make a difference with having gays and lesbians portrayed positively in all media. They enjoyed a meet and greet cocktail party at the gallery.

Following his tradition of wine and vodka tasting, Alexandre Gerstman entertained his clients and supporters at the ITALIAN WINE MERCHANTS' wine tasting dinner, a designer-show-room-like specialty wine store of Sergio Esposito, hosted by the company's CFO Diego McDonald, who explained to the guests the beauty of both Italian and French wine.

The 2010 art season was celebrated at Art Basel Miami Beach International where Alexandre Gertsman Contemporary Art presented works by Ivan Chuikov, Vladimir Clavijo-Telepnev, Dmitri Gutov, Komar & Melamid, Natalya Nesterova, and Ivan Razumov at the exhibition VOYEUR, curated by Anne Huntington and Garry Krimershmoys, and the season was concluded by a series of Holiday cocktails and events at the gallery.



Alexandre Gertsman; Andrea Bayer, Curator of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Alexi Bayer, Writer and Journalist; Eteri Lobzhanidze, Designer; Vasily Kafanov, Artist



Models at Wilbur Pack's "The Superwoman" collection presentation

# WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY **SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS 2011, SURROUNDED BY RUSSIAN ART!**

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU **AT THE GALLERY IN 2011!**

The gallery is located at 652 Broadway, Floor 2, off Bleecker Street, and is by appointment only.

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Diego McDonald, CFO of Italian Wine Merchants; Alexandre Gertsman Brian Wood and Alpha Industries installation "Five Decades of History"

