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an artist's journey

Chapter Four

I. Introduction

Last September was the launch of my website and I want to thank everyone for your support and encouragement. It has been a very successful year and I want to personally thank **WISSH Graphics** for the beautiful design concepts and artistic layout. I mentioned last January about marketing the art into Asian countries and this past August, I've joined Saatchi Online Art and will have exposure in over 160 countries. Their theme is "invest in art" and since my work is all original it truly is an investment in culture. Please go to my website and enjoy my labor of love. www.joeyinternationalfinearts.com



II. Travels



In Chapter Two, I focused on Britain, and I want to revisit that beautiful country again. The highly regarded and entertaining PBS special **Downton Abbey** is filmed at Highclere Castle located in Hampshire, England, just west of London. I personally led many motor coach tours with members of the American Women's Society to the castle and its surrounding estate grounds. Two interesting chapters of history are embedded in the castles lore. The 5th Earl of Carnarvon, an Egyptologist, was part of the team that uncovered Tutankhamun's tomb. Many Egyptian displays are featured and housed in the cellars of Highclere. The other unique interest for the current owners is horseracing. For 100 years, the Earls of Carnarvon have owned, bred and raced horses. The former Earl was a racing manager to Her Majesty the Queen. I was able to capture the racing drama and fashion at Ascot for several years. I own the first three seasons of Downton Abbey and can't wait for season four.

III. Culture

Iona Antiques is a world renown private gallery and collection of 19th century English farmyard animal paintings. Stephen and Iona Joseph are long time collectors of naïve art and have one of the most impressive private collection of this important English genre of painting. Much of the time, naïve painters had no formal training, hence the name primitive or naïve. Therefore, often figures and proportions are exaggerated or incorrect with little regard for perspective or background. Many animal painters of the late 18th and 19th centuries were traveling salesmen of a sort, who traveled a circuit picking up commissions along the way from local farmers as a way to advertise and publicize a particular breed.

The landed gentry also patronized these itinerant artists and would commission them to paint their ace horse, favorite hunter or family dog. In the case of the race horse, typically, the owner would want to emphasize the speed and potential winning qualities of his horse, so those horses are painted with unrealistically long necks, small heads and sleek bodies.

Despite the awkward proportions, lack of perspective, or even heightened realism, the charm and humor of naïve paintings have captured the hearts of many an art critic, and presently a well executed naïve painting can be quite the collector's item.

IV. People

I've mentioned past mentors and people who have influenced my life in many valuable ways. My career has afforded me the opportunity to meet many influential and incredible people. I recently rediscovered a log book of art sales beginning from the 80's that brought back great memories. This is a short list of owners who have my work in their collections.

Bill Blass, fashion designer

Audie Walton, the Walton collection

Stanley Marcus, owner of Niemen Marcus

Andersen Consulting, corporate art collection

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thatcher, son of Prime

Minister, Margaret Thatcher

Mohamed Alfayed, owner of Harrod's department store



V. Giving Back

A Corporate Note: International Fine Arts, LLC will be contributing 10% of its revenue to charitable organizations to be determined. Two organizations have been chosen:

Hope for the City – Art work has been donated to the Gala event scheduled for October 19th at the Depot, in Minneapolis. Please be generous and contribute to this worthy cause fighting poverty at home and around the world.

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