

MASTERPIECE CONTEMPORARY 2009 RAFFLE

Attila Richard Lukacs



Framed Silk-Screened
American Flag
with Hardcover Catalogue

American Flag, 1990
Edition #47
72 x 36 inches
Courtesy of Diane Farris,
Diane Farris Gallery,
Vancouver B.C.
Value \$9,500.00 CND



About The Work

Lukacs' Military series, of which the American Flag (Edition #47) is from, examines the institutions that recruit young men to build character and learn discipline through the acceptance of authority. In the catalogue introduction Thomas Sokolowski says, "Drawn from yearbook snapshots and publicity brochure stills, these new paintings cast a longing, and even arduous glance at an unspoiled burgeoning manhood untrammelled by fear or experience, the naïve picaresque hero before he receives his proverbial dose of painful reality".

About The Artist

Attila Richard Lukacs was born in Calgary, Alberta in 1962 and presently resides in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Lukacs has been receiving world renowned attention since he graduated with honors from the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1985. Upon completion, Lukacs relocated to Berlin, Germany for a decade to pursue his interests in figurative painting and his desire to experience the skinhead culture. In the 1990's Lukacs moved to New York, the center of American art and in 2001 he returned to Canada.

Lukacs' return to Canada led him to conceive *The Basement Show* showcasing works by fellow established artists Douglas Coupland, Angela Grossman, Graham Gilmore and Derek Root in a basement of an old Vancouver office building. The show ran for one week in October, 2003, attracting national attention and acclaim. In 2004 *The Basement Show* traveled to The Art Gallery of Calgary where it continued as an exhibition of national scale and importance.

Lukacs is best known for his paintings that depict exaggerated masculine figures, such as gay skinheads and military cadets with brutally explicit references to homo-erotic sexuality. Lukacs is currently represented by the Diane Farris Gallery in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Tickets

Raffle Tickets are **\$20.00 each**

*Show your raffle ticket to receive **\$5.00 off the purchase of an Annual Membership to The Art Gallery of Calgary** between June 1 - September 17th, 2009.

The winning ticket to be drawn on **Thursday, September 17th, 2009** at The Art Gallery of Calgary's 2nd Annual curated art auction, *Masterpiece Contemporary 2009*.

Please inquire about purchasing raffle tickets at the front entrance reception desk or call **430.770.1353**.

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The proceeds from *Masterpiece Contemporary 2009* and the raffle tickets support The Art Gallery of Calgary's education and public programming.

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