

## **Canvas & Bronze at the Alton Mill Gallery! September 26th to November 8th, 2009**

In conjunction with the Headwaters Arts Festival, the Alton Mill Gallery is pleased to present **Canvas & Bronze** showcasing works by renowned Headwaters artists **Julia Gilmore** and **Hugh Russel**.

**Julia Gilmore's** lively representational oil paintings employ bold colours and rich textures. Her palette knife technique adds depth and substance to her compositions, highlighting her obvious love for the medium. Whether the subject is cocktail glasses, garden bouquets or little red wagons, Julia's vivid renderings breathe new life into everyday objects.

A graduate of Fine Arts from Concordia University, Julia flourished in the Montreal art scene, and today travels to major US cities throughout the year showcasing her work at prestigious outdoor art exhibitions. Julia lives in the Caledon Hills, and her artistic vision can be attributed to the juxtaposition of her rural routes and a sophisticated urban background.

Master sculptor **Hugh Russel** employs a meticulous attention to detail in all of his bronze sculptures. His series of six dramatic dancers celebrate the human figure in all styles of dance and choreography, while his animal figurines -- elephants, bears, orangutans among them -- capture the spirit of each beast. Meanwhile Hugh's series of fairies and gnomes offer a delightful spark of whimsy.

Hugh's 30 year career as a sculptor is the culmination of a life devoted to art, including training with Canadian painters John Martin and A.Y. Jackson. In 1986, Hugh and his family moved to the Mulmur Hills north of Toronto, where Hugh created what he called his largest sculpture, a home and meandering art complex in a beautiful, rural farm setting. Describing himself as primarily a "storyteller" (because it is the translation of narration and emotion into an aesthetic medium that most interests him) Hugh's works are held in collections around the world including the Vatican, the World Wildlife Fund offices, and the World Health Organization.

As one of the principal venues for the Headwaters Arts Festival, the Alton Mill is at the centre of artistic excellence in the region. This magnificently restored heritage mill is home to a creative arts centre featuring studios, galleries, a heritage museum, café and unique retail shops and is the perfect venue to showcase the works of renowned Headwaters artists **Julia Gilmore** and **Hugh Russel**.

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