

## Cerulean Arts

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## YURI MAKOVEYCHUK HEAVEN'S GATE

**October 24, 2008 through November 28, 2008**

**Opening Reception: Friday, October 24, 5- 9pm**

Cerulean Arts is pleased to present *Heaven's Gate* featuring oil paintings by Yuri Makoveychuk, an artist, animator and filmmaker based in the Ukraine and New York. Comprising eight large-scale, oil on canvas paintings, *Heaven's Gate* represents a contemporary take on traditional themes of human folly, reminiscent of Hieronymus Bosch and Pieter Brueghel.

Makoveychuk's traditional technique, combined with a thoroughly contemporary artistic sensibility, gives the work its arresting power. At first glance, the works seem to be digital photographs, the illusion is so complete. The figures depicted are culled from different eras – some in 1930s fedoras, others with Renaissance hairstyles. Keeping the attention in the foreground, the backgrounds are for the most part blank, markedly different from the deep space of Renaissance works. The low-intensity, monochrome palette, representative of early 20<sup>th</sup> century print and film, helps unify these disparate elements, much like contemporary American painter Mark Tansey. This contrast between depth and surface, past and present, create an electrifying tension, keeping the viewer thoroughly engaged.

Makoveychuk received his MFA from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in 1996. In addition to producing the animated film *The Institute*, he has served as scenic artist for such films as *Great Expectations* starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Ethan Hawke and *New Rose Hotel* featuring Christopher Walken and Annabella Sciorra.

*Heaven's Gate* is on view from October 24, 2008 through November 28, 2008 and is free and open to the public. The opening reception is Friday, October 24 from 5-9pm.

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Cerulean Arts' mission is to cultivate an appreciation for art by holding exhibitions, offering unique decorative and fine art for sale and providing art instruction for personal fulfillment. Located at 1355 Ridge Avenue—where Ridge Avenue, Fairmount Avenue and Broad Street all intersect—Cerulean Arts is poised to become an anchor of Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts North.

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