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Dear All,

Welcome to the colorful show of 'Artistic Passion' by painter Girma Seboka. The show is believed to render a perspective to grasp the artist's thoughts, feelings and understanding towards our society. The show stays for six weeks in entertaining, creating insight and of course a new artistic perspective. Enjoy the show along with the ever appealing Ethiopian coffee in Galleria TO.MO.CA's coffee bar.

ፕበባዊ ፍቅር አና ስሜት፤

ራሱን ፕበብ ስፕበብ የወስደና ይሳደን ፤ራሱንም በፕበብ የፈስንና በማግኝት ሳይ ይስ ገልማሳ ሠዓሲ ስስ ከተባስ ግርማ ሰቦቃ ሕንዱ ነው፡፡በሕዲስ ሕበባ በ1968 ዓ.ም የተወሰደውና ይደንው፤በሕቴጌ መነን ሕንደኝ ደረጃን በሕየር ጤና ሁስተኝ ደረጃ ትምህርቱን የተማረው ግርማ ሰቦቃ ፤ከተግባረ ሕድ ትምህርት ቤት ደግሞ በ1984 ዓ.ም በድራፍቲንግ ሞይ በሰርቲፊኬት ተመርቋል፡፡በሕዲስ ሕበባ ከተማ ማዘጋጃ ቤትም በተመረቀበት ሙይ ስሁስት ዓመታት ተቀፕሮ ሠርተል፡፡

ሠዓሲ ግርማ ሰቦቃ፤ በጋስሪያ ቶሞካ ያቀረባቸው ኪነ ሥዕሳት፤ ባስፉት አሥርና አሥራ አንድ ዓመታት ትጋትና ፕረት በተመሳበት ፕበባዊ ፍቅርና ስሜት አየተቀሰቀሰና አየተንቀሳቀሰ ባካበተው ልምድ፤ ራሱን በራሱ ያገኝበትን፤ ግሳዊ የፕበብ አቅጣጫ የቀየሰበትን፤ ግሳዊ የፕበብ ዘይቤ የተስመበትን

Artistic Passion and Emotion

One of the grown-up artists who constructed, explored and found himself within art is Girma Seboka. He was born in Addis Ababa in 1961. He completed his primary and secondary education in Menen Asfaw and Ayer Tena High Schools respectively. He also graduated in certificate in Drafting from Addis Ababa Technical School in 1992. He worked in the field for two years in the Municipality of Addis Ababa

To make his dreams conceivable, he went to study in the former Addis Ababa Fine Arts School (the present Addis Ababa University Alle Felege Selam School of Fine Arts and Design) and he graduated in painting in 2003. In the past eleven years, he participated in nine solo and fifteen group exhibitions. In his present circumstances along with his profession in art teaching, he is an artist of immense skills and experience.

The artworks of Girma Seboka featured in Galleria TO.MO.CA are the accruals of his passion for gallant artistic search, encounter and experience. Hence, the show can be taken as the reflection of the recollection of his self discovery in the artistic direction he projected

የድምር የፕበብ ውጤቶች ነፀብራቅ ናቸው። ደበልጡን ድብልቅ ቁስ ፕበባትን /mixed media/የሚጠቀመው ሠዓሲ ግርማ ሰቦቃ ፣ ንፕር ሕብረ ቀሰማትን ፤ ክሮችን ፤ 7መዶችን ፤ ጅንያዎችን ፤ ቀሰማዊ ጨርቆችን ፤ ወዘተ በተናጠልና በማደባሰቅ በበፍታ ሰሴዳው ሳይ በመስጠፍ፤ በመስፋት ፈጠራዊ ስሜቱን ይ7ልጻል።የፕበብ አቅጣጫው ክፊል ምስሳዊ ወደም ክፊል ሲ ምስሳዊ /semi-figurative or semi- abstract / የሚከተል ሆኖ አቀራረቡም ዝደብ ኪነ ቅቦች /stylized paintings/ ናቸው። ድርሰታዊ አደረጃጀቱም ሲበዛ ዓምዳዊና ድርድራዊ ዝርንች በጌጣዊ ሽልሞች የተደራጁ ቅንብሮች ናቸው። ስምሣሴ፤ በዚህ የሥዕል ትርዒት ውስፕ ከቀረቡት ኪነ ቅቦች መካከል።

U. "ዓምጻዊ ድርሰቶች" ፤ " የከተማው ድባብ"፤ " ባጃጅ በከተማው ውስጥ "፤ "ሞቃት ቀን" ፤ የመሳሰሱትን ኪነ ቦች ፤ በአትኩሮት ሳየ፤ ሳስተዋሰና ሳ7ናዘበ ተመልካች ከፌል ምስሳዊ ወይም ከፌል ኢ ምስሳዊ አቀባቦች መሆናቸውን በቀሳሱ መ7መትና መሰየት ይቻሳል ፡፡

ውደብደዘ.ሰ ኪነ ቅብነቱን /stylized ንቅሳዊ(motifs) paintings/ በጌጣዊና የአቀባብ ስልት ሳይ የመሠረተው ሠዓሲ ግርማ ሰቦቃ፤ከሥዕል መንስጫ ቀንቀ ጡስፕ ደበልጥ የጣጠቀምባቸው ፀናሥራት፤መስመሮች <u>፣</u>የቀስማዋ መስመሮችና የቁሳዋ 7m£ መስመሮች ሲሆኑ ፤ "ዓምዳዊ ድርሰቶች" ፤ " ክናትና ልጅ" "ርክስ አልባን" ኪነ ሥዕሳት ልብ ደሳል። ዝርጎች ወደም ጠርዘ ዝርጎች ደግሞ እንዲሁ ጠፍጣፋና ዝርግ ቀስማዊ ቅቦችና ቁሳዊ ኪነ ስፕፍ (montage) ጆንያዎችና ንብታማ ኪነ ቅርጾች (flat and relief shapes)



and the style he meant to achieve. Mostly, he uses mixed media by either combining or disjointing materials like threads, fiber sack, spray, ropes, colorful textiles, flat and relief shapes ...etc on a canvas. He follows semi-figurative or semi-abstract artistic direction in



Girma Seboka Hot Day 2003

ሲሆኑ "ወይዛዝርት በከተማው ውስም" "አናትና ልጅ" የሚባሱትን ኪነ ቅቦች ይመሰከቷል ፡፡ ሻካልሴዎች (textures) በተመሰከተ " ዓምዳዊ ድርሰቶች " "ወይዛዝርት በከተማው ውስም" እና "ርአስ አልባን" ይ7ናዝቧል ፡፡ ሕብረ ቀሰሞች (colors) (ሞቃትና ቀዝቃዛ)በአንጻራዊነትና በኁባሬነት ተቀናጅተውና ተቀናብረው በኹሱም ኪነ ሥዕሳት ውስጥ ይታይሱ ፡፡



the vista of stylized painting. His composition is more of vertically paralleled flats arranged in decorative motifs. The following points are apparent in his paintings.

- A. Vertical Composition: The paintings like "Impressions of the City", "Bajaj in the City", "Balmy Day", and others are either semi-figurative or semi abstract.
- B. Stylized Paintings: The motifs (as his stylized painting) based Girma uses elements of art like lines, colored lines and rope lines (refer to the paintings "Vertical Composition", "Mother and Child" and "Untitled"), Planes, flats, montage, fiber sacks and flat and relief shapes (refer the paintings "Ladies in the City", and "Mother and Child") are also used in his works. Texture is portrayed in "Vertical Composition", "Ladies in the City" and "Untitled". In his works of art, colors (warm and cool) are arranged in relative harmony and integration.

The content of his works pats the everyday life of the society and the city metaphorically. Like simple symbolic representation of the ancient cave art using flat shapes and silhouette, he portrayed the present day fashion of tight dressing (which appears to be unlimited by



Girma Seboka Inside the Jegol 2003

በሥዕሳዊ ይዘቱና ርአስ ንዳዮቹ የጎብረተ ሰቡን የዕስት ሕይወትንና የከተማ ድባብን በዕይታዊ ቋንቋ አያወዛ ዘይቤያዊነቱን ጠብቆ ዳስሷል ፡፡ በተሰይም ሐረሪን ፤ ፀሐያማ ሙቀትን፤ 7በያን የአናትና ልጅ ፍቅርን ፤አንዲሁም የዘመኑ ሔዋኖች ከወጣት አስከ አዛውንት አንድና አኩል ያደረገውን ወይም መሳ ቅጥ ያጣውን የታይት አሰባበስ በቀሳሱና በተምሳሴታዊነት ወክሎ አንደ ፕንታዊ የዋሻ ውስጥ ኪነ ሥዕሳት በጠርዘ ዝርግነትና በውጫዊ ጠርዝ (shapes or silhouette) ምስል በግሩም ሁኔታ ዘመናዊነቱን አንደ ጠበቀ 7ልጾታል።

የሠዓሲ ግርማ ሰቦቃን ኪነ ሥዕሳት ስመገንዘብና ሰማድነቅ ግድ የሚሰን ሕንድ ጉዳይ ሕስ ፡፡ ከተስመደውና ከመደበኝው የዕሰታዊ ሥዕል ሕመሰካከት ወጣ ማስትና በተረጋጋ መንፈስ የሥዕሳዊ ቋንቋውን ሕንሳስጽና የድርሰታዊ ቅንብሩን መረዳት፤ ደጋግሞና መሳልሶም ማየት፤ ፕበባዊ ጣዕሙንም ማጣጣም ታሳቅ ደስታን ያገናጽፋል፡፡

ሠዓሲ ግርማ ሰቦቃ መልካም የፈጠራ ፕበባዊ ዓመት እንዲሆንስት፤ ቶሞካ ቤተ ሥዕል ማሳይ ጠንካራ የፕበብ ፍቅሩን ይዞ እንዲቆይ፤ ተመልካቹ ራሱን በቶሞካ ጣዕመ ቡናና በሥዕሳቱ አየተዝናና እንዲደሰት ከልብ አየተመኝሁ በዚሁ አሰናበታስሁ፡፡

እሽቱ ፕሩነህ /ሠዓሲ/ ፕር፣ 2006 ዓ.ም. age) in modern style (refer to "Harari", "Sunny Warmth" "Market" "The Passion of mother and Child" and "The Modern Eve"). Understanding the composition and the expression of the elements of the painting in modest mood; and the deviation from the normal visual art indulgence enables us to appreciate and realize Girma Seboka's artworks. Watching all these repeatedly and enjoying the artistic taste grants tranquility.

I wish Girma to have a successful year full of artistic ingenuity, TO.MO.CA to remain with its fervent passion for the art and the audience to keep on enjoying TO.MO.CA's Coffee and the exhibition.

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/Painter/ January 2014

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Girma Seboka Vertical Experiment 2003

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ሠዓሲ ግርማ ሰቦቃ

በአዲስ አበባ የጦር ኃይሎች ካምፕ ጀርባና ከልደታ ቤተክርስቲያን **ጓሮ መሃል ባስች መንደር የተወሰደ ሰው ምን ዓይነት የልጅነት ጊዜ** ሲኖረው እንደሚችል 7ምቱ። በ1960ዎቹ የነበረውን የከተማውን ደባብ ደግሞ የመቼቱ አካል አድርጋችሁ አስቡት:: ከመንደሩ በስተደቡብ ሲጓዝ ጠብ ጠብ ያሉ መኖሪያ ቤቶች፣ የቀድመጡ አየር ጣረፊያ (ኦልድ ኤርፖርት)፣ ሰፋፊ ሜዳዎች፣ ከሩቅ የሚጣሩት የፉሪ ጋራና ሸንተረሮች የዓይኑ መስሕብ ናቸው። ጠደ ልደታ ሲዘልቅ ደግሞ የሰዎች ትርምስ፣ የተሽከርካፈጡ ጥድፌያ፣ የደራጡ የ"ቢፈሞ" 7በያና የቀስጠው የከተማ ሕይወት ቀልቡን መግዛታቸው ግልጽ ነው፡ ፡ በዚህ ዓሑድ ያደ7 ልጅ ሥዓስ የመሆን ሰድል ሲያ7ኝ ሲያንጸባርቅ የሚችስጡን ማንነት ስመንመት የኋሳ ታሪኩ ፍንም የሚሰጥ ደመስሰኝል፡፡ አጅግ ተጠጋግተው ችምችም ያሱና ሕንዳንዴም በተንና ዘና ያሱ ሥዕሳዊ ድርሰቶቹ የሠዓሲ ግርማ ሰቦቃን ፕበባዊ ሕሻራ ተመሰዶ ካደንበትና አሁንም ከሚኖርበት አካባቢ አንጻር አንድንቃኝ አድል ደሰጠናል። ከዚህ ባሻንር ደግሞ ግሳዊ ስሜቶቹና፤ ማኅበራዊ፣ ኢኮኖሚያዊና ፖስቲካዊ መስተጋብሮች የተመስጦው ፍሬ ነንሮች ናቸጡ::

ከግርማ ጋር ስናወጋ ማንነቱንና ሕይወቱን ስማወቅ የሚረዱ ነምቦች

Girma Seboka

Imagine the childhood of a boy who is brought up in a Addis Ababa in between the backyard of the Lideta Church and the Military Camp of Tor Hauloch. The context and atmosphere of the city in last years of the ninety sixties is also part of the setting. To the south of the village, there are scattered residencies, the old airport, vost fields and the beautiful mountains of Furi allures the eyes. On the other hand, the hectic traffic, interaction of the people and the intense Birimo market are the features that one can attain in lideta. If nurtured in such milieu, since the background provides essential clues, we can presume the type of identity that one reflects in the art if there is a chance to become an artist. Pronounced details and spacious compositions that Girma uses enable us to understand his art from the vista of his background where he was born, raised and where he is still living. His personal feelings; social, economic and political issues are also depicted in his works.

Here are some points that relieve us to be familiar with the works and life of Girma Seboka. Girma says "The world is full of positive and negative entities. The sacrifice we carry on to live our preferred life determines our destination. My works are depictions of my inner feeling and thoughts". Here is also his response to the question on why he uses exaggerated figures and words

"ስብዛኛቹ ምስሎች በሐረርና በዙሪያዋ ባስ ገበያዎች ሳይ ያጠነተናስ። በዚያ ስካባቢ ያስ ሴቶች ፍጹም ነፃና ነፃነታቸውን በተሰያየ መልኩ የሚያገጸባርቁ ናቸው። ይህን ሰማንሳት ሞቃት ቀስማትን፣ ቋሚ ሥዕሳዊ ድርሰትና ማጋነን (ማግዛፍ) ከጠቀማሰሁ። ነፃነትና ስዲስ ዘመን ከኔም ሆንኩ ስብዛኛው የሰው ልጅ የሚናፍቃቸው ነገሮች በመሆናቸው ህሲናዩን ይገዙታል። አናም በሥራዎቹ ስልፎ ስልፎ ብቅ ማስታቸው ስልቀረም" በማስት ያስረዳል።

የሠዓሲ ግርማ ሰቦቃን ፕበባዊ ማንነትና ሕይወት ስመዳሰስ ይህ ጽሑፍ አጅግ ቁንጽል ነው። በግልና ከጋስሪኣ ቶሞካ ባልደረቦቴ ጋር ስቱዲዮውን ስንብኝና ስስተሰያዩ ነገሮች ስንጫወት ያስተዋልኩት ሙያዊና ግስሰባዊ ሥነ ስርዓት ፕንቁቅነትና ጽናት ሩቅ ተሻጋሪ ስኬቱን ስመሳካች ናቸው። ስኬቱ እንዲቃና መልካም ምኛቴ ነው።

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like 'Netsanet' and 'Addis Zemen' ('Freedom' and 'New Era' respectively). He answers, "Most of my paintings are based on the life of the markets around Harar. Women in that area constitute free spirited soul. They even reveal their freedom in various ways. I apply warm colors, vertical composition and embellishment. Since freedom and new era are crazes that we all need to have, they sometimes appear in my works".

Girma adores jazz music. Though teaching (he is teaching in Abyssinia School of Art and Design since 2003) is his profession too, he also considers it as leisure. He explains the motive in relation to the fact that teaching grants the opportunity to view things from the students' point of view which gives another dimension to your career. Artist Girma Seboka has a family and he is a father of a son.

This short article is too fleeting to expose the life and vocation of Girma Seboka. However, there is a point to mention about the artist's forthcoming achievements; and this is foreshadowed by his meticulous personal and professional discipline that I noticed in his studio(with my Galleria TO.MO.CA colleagues and alone) and during the different occasion we met. I wish Girma a successful artistic journey.

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