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Thursday, September 11 2008

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## Event Title:

"CITIES OF PEACE" opening reception at Tria Gallery.

## Event Description:

On the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on New York City and Washington DC, Tria Gallery presents CITIES OF PEACE: Transforming Anguish Into Beauty. There will be an opening reception on Thursday evening, September 11, from 6:00-8:00, with comments by the artist, Dr. Ellen Frank. On display will be powerful and poignant illuminated paintings from CITIES OF PEACE created by Ellen Frank and the Ellen Frank Illumination Arts Foundation (EFIAF). CITIES OF PEACE is a series of monumental gold-illuminated paintings that honor the people, history and cultures of world cities that have experienced major conflict and trauma. The paintings emphasize understanding as a prerequisite to peace and celebrate the best of the human spirit, transforming anguish into beauty. They include New York, Beijing, Baghdad, Kabul, Hiroshima, Jerusalem, Sarajevo, Monrovia, and Lhasa. The majority of these paintings will be on display at Tria, with others available for viewing by appointment. Smaller illuminated works inspired by CITIES OF PEACE will also be on display.

In the wake of the 9/11 attacks, New York: This is My City! will be exhibited. Celebrating New York City as a beacon of liberty, the painting honors its residents in concept and content. In how many languages can we say "New York: this is my city"? In light of the current war in Iraq, we present Baghdad: City of Peace, Truly! a painting that stands in moving contrast to media representation, instead gracing us with historic and visual elements of what was the greatest city on earth from 800-1200 CE.

## Time:

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Co-Chairs and Honorees (when applicable):

**Location:**

TRIA GALLERY, 547 @W. 27th Street, 5th floor, New York, NY 10001.

**Ticket Price:**

free and open to the public.

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