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**Tria Gallery is Honored to Present Recent Works by
Dru Gu Choegyul Rinpoche
November 20 – December 19, 2008**



Dru Gu Choegyul Rinpoche: watercolor on paper, 2008

November 20, 2008 – New York, NY: Tria Gallery will present a collection of recent paintings from the noted Tibetan Buddhist Dru Gu Choegyul Rinpoche from November 20 through December 19. On display will be an assortment of watercolors by the exiled Master.

Dru-gu Choegyul Rinpoche was born in 1946 in the Province of Dru-gu, Kham, East Tibet. He was recognized by high Tibetan Masters as the 8th incarnation of Dru-gu Choegyul Gyamtso. Raised under the care and guidance of H.H. 8th Khamtrul Rinpoche

for 26 years, Choegyal Rinpoche received refuge and ongoing instruction from H.E. Tsennyi Sotan. He was also instructed by H.H. Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche for 35 years, as well as by other extraordinary Khenpos, Togdens, and Rinpoches.

In 1958 Rinpoche left his monastery in Dru-gu Tibet along with many monks, nuns and lay people. The following year, His Holiness the Dalai Lama also fled to India. Since then, Rinpoche, along with thousands of others, has been living as refugees in the Himalas of Northern India.

In recent years Rinpoche has returned to his homeland for short visits to give Dharma teachings to his practitioners and to begin reconstruction projects in his monastery

As an artist, Rinpoche specializes in painting, calligraphy, drawing, architecture, sculpture and masks. He cites as his ongoing inspirations “the mind, experiences, lineage masters of all Tibetan Buddhist schools, landscape, illustrated poetry and songs.” His work has been acquired and displayed in galleries and museums in over half a dozen countries, and can be found in numerous private and public collections throughout the world. He will be donating his proceeds from the sale of these paintings to the reconstruction of his monastery, Dru-gu Monastery, in Tibet.

Tria is honored to present Choegyal Rinpoche’s most recent collection of visionary watercolors at the gallery, with other pieces from the collection concurrently on view at The Tibet House.

Tria Gallery specializes in contemporary painting and mixed media by established and emerging artists. In addition to artwork on exhibit, the gallery maintains an inventory of select works by its featured artists. Tria’s three directors, Carol Suchman, Paige Bart and Latifa Metheny, are committed to presenting artists with compelling bodies of work, and ones whose stories, should, in their opinion, be told.

Tria is located in the heart of Chelsea, at 547 West 27th Street, Suite 504, and is open to the public. Hours are Wednesday – Saturday, 11:00-6:00. *New Works by Dru Gu Choegyal Rinpoche* runs from November 20 through December 19, 2008. For more information please visit www.triagallerynyc.com.