

## **Rites, Rituals, Ruminations - Faces That Speak** **A Unique Photographic & Painting Exhibition at Tria Gallery**

*Stephen Verona...Artist, Academy Award nominated film-maker, photographer and creator of the music video, will be showing his latest work at Tria Gallery*

*Premiere Reception...February 12, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00PM.*



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New York.....The three directors of Tria Gallery in New York City ([www.triagallerynyc.com](http://www.triagallerynyc.com)) are “very proud to present a unique exhibition of the art of Stephen Verona; including his paintings, life sized cut outs and unique photographs, including those selected from the Getty Museum Permanent Collection.”

According to *People Magazine*, Stephen Verona is “...truly a Renaissance man.” A comprehensive collection of his paintings, photographs, cut outs and writing has been seen by hundreds of thousands on the internet ([www.stephenverona.com](http://www.stephenverona.com)) and on his “PICTURE OF THE WEEK” email blog (<http://belairartist.blogspot.com>). “Picture-maker” as the artist refers to himself, Verona, now presents his photography in a unique “vista-scape” presentation. Each handsomely framed piece, handcrafted by the artist, offers a composite view or “vista” of numerous fascinating faces from his world-wide travels and adventures.

Verona said, “Most images have a focal point, or a point of interest. I thought, ‘What if I could tell a complete story using multiple images and faces, but still convey a single thought, emotion or point of view, while letting the viewer’s eye wander in search of the image that appeals to him or her? These are murals...or composite images that tell a story.”

Stephen Verona, writer, director, producer of the film-classics, “THE LORDS OF FLATBUSH,” and “BOARDWALK,” is in New York City to launch the premiere show and limited edition artist book of “RITES, RITUALS, RUMINATIONS,” a compilation of the 25 “vista-scapes” in the Tria Gallery exhibition with a colorful and insightful companion dialogue by the artist.

The Tria directors “invite the adventurous collector to join us as we stroll Tria Gallery with Stephen Verona to share a rare opportunity to hear the artist narrate the ‘back-stories’ of each piece.”

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 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 504, and is open to the public. Hours are Wednesday – Saturday, 11:00-6:00. *Rites, Rituals, Ruminations - Faces That Speak* runs from February 12<sup>th</sup> through March 21, 2009, with an opening reception on Thursday, February 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For more information please visit [www.triagallerynyc.com](http://www.triagallerynyc.com).

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