



Cuban native Orestes Larios Zaak, a featured artist in the upcoming Cuban Art Exhibition at the Niagara Art Centre, holds one of the works from his nature series “Survivance.” Zaak will be at the centre on Nov. 10 for the opening reception for the exhibit, which runs until Nov. 22.

Cuban artworks displayed at Niagara Artists Centre

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When Orestes Larios Zaak walks past a garden, he sees not only the surface beauty, but a beautiful landscape underneath he wants to share with the world.

“I’m calling on people to keep the nature,” said the Cuban artist during his first trip to Canada. “I want to call people to look at this space and keep it.”

Zaak is one of the featured artists at the Niagara Artists Centre’s Cuban Art Exhibition. He will be on hand to meet visitors at the opening reception on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. at the St. Paul Street gallery.

His exhibit, “Survivance,” will be one of five Cuban artworks on display at the Niagara Artists Centre until Nov. 22. The series of oil on canvases portrays a three-dimensional look at nature, starting with a close-up look at plants and flowers, and ending with an establishing shot of gardens and landscapes, all happening on one canvas.

Sue Franklin is the curator of the Cuban Art Exhibition. The St. Catharines resident said she first learned about Cuban art while on a trip to the country about 12 years ago.

“My purpose of doing this is to bring awareness of art from Cuba here,” said Franklin, adding people without an understanding of Cuban culture would probably have preconceived assumptions about Cuban art.

“This is fine art,” she said. “These people are well-educated and sophisticated. We need to spread cultural awareness.”

And while Zaak’s art is definitely in the category of fine and sophisticated, even he had trouble while thinking of inspiration.

“I don’t make a sketch when I’m going to work,” he said. “I stare at the canvas for many days and when I have an idea, I start in five minutes.”

The idea of “Survivance” however, came from a heartfelt concern for nature, said Zaak, a concern that is beginning to pick up speed in the mainstream throughout the world.

“I don’t like it when I see people cutting the trees,” he said. “A tree needs 20 years to grow.”

The Cuban Art Exhibition is also being supported by the Niagara Canadian Cuban Friendship Society, Taller Cultural in Santiago de Cuba, Casa de la Cairbe in Santiago and Custom House Cigars. For more information, visit the website www.cubarte.livejournal.com.

GAS BAR ROBBED

Police are looking for a man who robbed a gas station in St. Catharines at knifepoint on Oct. 31.

The man entered the Delta Gas Bar at 292 Geneva St. with a knife at about 7:20 p.m. He demanded cash from the attendant and then fled on foot north on Geneva Street.

There were no injuries to the attendant. The suspect is described as white, five-foot nine-inches to five-foot 11-inches tall with a medium build and about 20-25-years-old.

He was wearing a black sweater or sweatshirt and a black bala clava-type mask. Anyone with information on this incident can call police at 905-688-4111 extension 4272.

CANGO GAS BAR ROBBERY

Police are on the lookout for a man who robbed a gas station in St. Catharines on Nov. 3.

A lone white man wearing a bala clava and dark clothing entered the kiosk on Fourth Avenue at about 7:20 p.m., armed with a knife and demanding money from the clerk. He then fled on foot northwest.

The clerk was not injured. Anyone with information regarding this incident can call police’s criminal investigation branch at 905-688-4111 extension 4272.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. RECOVERY OF AMOUNTS IN CLASS ACTION SUIT DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) filed an Application on September 28, 2007 (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Sched. B, as amended, for an order of the Board approving the final balance in the 2007 Class Action Suit Deferral Account (“CASDA”) and the disposition of that balance. The balance in the CASDA as at August 1, 2007 was \$23.7 million, plus interest of \$0.7 million. The Board’s decision on this Application may have an affect on all of Enbridge’s customers.

Enbridge has proposed to collect the full amount of the CASDA annually over the course of eight years from 2008 to 2015. If approved by the Board, the collection would result in an increase to a customer’s bill of about \$1.90 per year per customer.

How to See Enbridge’s Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board’s office in Toronto and on its website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and at Enbridge’s office at the address indicated below.

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

1. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

Your letter with comments will be provided to the Board members deciding the application, and will be part of the public record for the application. If you wish to make an oral presentation to the Board, your letter should include this request. Your letter must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

2. Become an Observer

Observers do not actively participate in the proceeding but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. If you become an observer, you need to contact the applicant and others in order to receive documents that they file in this proceeding and they may charge you for this. Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board’s website. Your request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below; however, two paper copies are also required. You must also provide a copy of your letter to the applicant.

3. Become an Intervenor

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenors are eligible to receive evidence and other material submitted by participants in the hearing. Likewise, intervenors will be expected to send copies of any material they file to all parties to the hearing.

Your request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

The Board may choose to proceed with this application by way of written or oral hearing. The Board will not hold a written hearing if a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reason for that preference.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board’s web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board’s website under e-filings and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, e-Filing Services. The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2007-0731 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need more information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board’s website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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