

Press Release

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Galerie de la Ville presents in June an exhibition of pastel with mixed media images by artist **Leiba Rustin** entitled '**Sing Softly , Zing Shtil**'. Continuing with the life-cycle theme of the past three exhibits at the gallery, this exhibition explores the environment inside the home. These pastels enhanced by mixed media elements represent space as the imprint of the person who once inhabited it. The objects the person chooses to buy or to make, the way these are arranged and the way they are re-made by the specific touch and usage of their owners, are what personalize and animate an otherwise impersonal architectural space. The way these are then depicted and expressed in these works is the way they are made into more universal symbols of presence and engagement.

Leiba Rustin celebrates presence and engagement through depictions of rooms in her mother's house. It is a house she experiences through contrasts of light and shadow, with animated strokes, masking and multiple layering of her media, with an interplay of muted and bright colours and a richness of detail and textures. Through these she gives a strangely ethereal quality to the environment she depicts that places the viewing experience in memory, in nostalgia and in affection.

Leiba Rustin is a member of the Association des artistes du Canal Lachine. Among others, she has participated in group exhibitions at the Stewart Hall Rental Gallery, at the Thomas Moore Institute and with the former Gallery Schorer in Montreal.

The opening reception for this exhibition will be held on **Wednesday, May 30, 2007** from 8 to 10 p.m. The artist will be present.

The **exhibition** will run from **Thursday, May 31 to Saturday, June 30, 2007** at Galerie de la Ville, located in the lower level of the Dollard Cultural Centre, at 12001 De Salaberry Boulevard, in Dollard des Ormeaux. **Please note that the gallery will be closed on Sundays, June 24 and July 1.**

Opening hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12 to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.. For further information, or to arrange **free, guided tours** of this exhibition for your group of six or more people, please call 684-1012, extension 298.