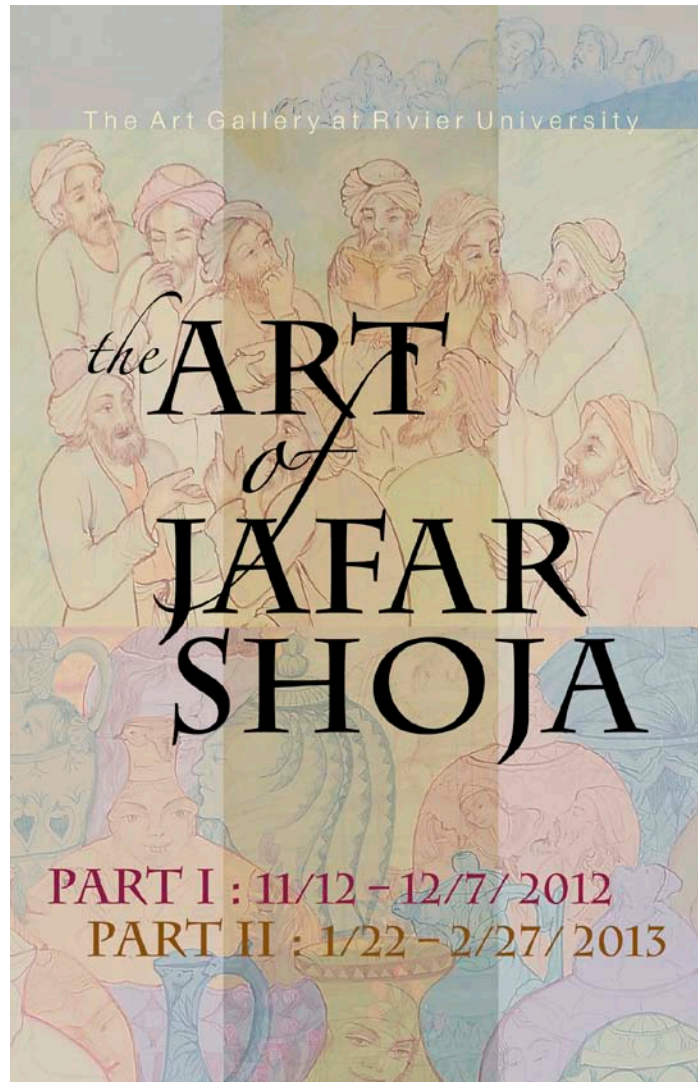


THE ART GALLERY AT RIVIER UNIVERSITY PRESENTS “THE ART OF JAFAR SHOJA”

Sr. Theresa Couture, M.F.A., D.Min.
Director, The Art Gallery at Rivier University



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Part I : 11/12 - 12/7/2012

Part II : 1/22 - 2/27/2013

GALLERY TALK BY THE ARTIST: Thursday, November 29, 4:00 P.M.

GALLERY OPEN HOURS

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday 10:00 A.M. – 8:30 P.M. Friday 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

From: Rivier's News Report, November 8, 2012*



Following a successful first exhibition for the academic year, The Art Gallery at Rivier University will present its next exhibition, titled **"The Art of Jafar Shoja,"** in two separate presentations – with part one running from Nov. 12 through Dec. 10, 2012, and part two from Jan. 22 through Feb. 27, 2013.

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sculptures. Part two will highlight several large paintings on sociopolitical themes.

"Jafar Shoja is a distinguished local artist whose work is varied in both style and content," said Sister Theresa Couture, p.m., Director of The Art Gallery at Rivier University.

Shoja's honors include selection of one of his drawings by Steuben Glass for translation into engraved crystal. This piece was included in an exhibition, Asian Artists in Crystal, shown at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and also at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Also, his design of a medallion was selected for the New Hampshire Governor's Award of Distinction, and illustrations by him were published in "Le Vrai Visage D'Omar Khayyam," a book by Khosrow Varasteh, Administration Generale des Beaux-Arts, Tehran, Iran.

A gallery talk by the artist is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 29 at 4 p.m. at the Art Gallery.

The Art Gallery at Rivier University showcases the accomplishments of nationally and internationally acclaimed artists and craftpersons, as well as works from the collections of distinguished art museums, galleries, and private collectors. The gallery is located on the second floor of Memorial Hall and is open Mondays,

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Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., and on Fridays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Information about these exhibitions and accompanying Art Gallery events are available on the website of The Art Gallery at Rivier University: www.rivier.edu/artgallery. ■

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