A lifetime of art with Colin Fisher

By Pamela Price

When Colin Fisher of Colin Fisher Studios located on Perez Rd. in Cathedral City invited guests to view selections from his vast inventory of over 10,000 works of art resulting from 40 years of collection the response was heartwarming considering the dismal, daunting weather on the eve of Friday, January 13. Nonetheless, Colin Fisher's stunning art collection attracted over 75 guests during the evening event. Colin sat at the entrance to the gallery, enabling him to personally welcome each guest; that is his inimitable style. Guests fanned out viewing a dazzling array of art from traditional to contemporary. Seen were paintings, sculptures, graphics, mixed media, wood blocks and unexpected large sculptures such as a massive tower of various sized intertwined automobile fenders and bumpers.

Collectively, the exhibit represented Colin's lifelong passion for art. When guests entered the Studio, to their immediate left was a bold canvas, dominated by red and black at least six ft. high by artist, Taira a Rancho Mirage resident during the season. Her reputation as a world-class artist is larger than life despite her diminutive height of slightly under five ft. Her spectrum of art is " textural, exciting and daring" as she describes, and, for the record, some of her paintings reach eight ft. Taira was born in Russia and later studied with French artist Jean Dubuffet in Paris.

Michael Harrington, Colin Fisher's assistant curator said the artists represented at Colin Fisher Studios are found in private collections. These artists Include Robert Manion, Birgit Piskor and Scott Donadio. For the record, a Donadio sculpture will soon be installed at Cathedral City's City Hall sharing the patio with a bold iconic red Betty Gold sculpture. Colin Fisher Studios seems to it is divided into several chic galleries, each enjoying a distinctive personality.

My personal favorite is the Library, personal utopia of art books, many signed by the authors and artists. Kept exclusive with striking double doors (they were rescued as salvage.) Today they project a regal entry to the Library. Here guests discover library style bookshelves organized with an impressive collection of art-history book's covering museums and artists from the early Romans and Greeks to today's artists such as Cy Twombly, American painter. Greg Murphy, Cathedral City Art Commissioner remarked this reference collection enabled patrons to research works of art they are considering adding to their collections. Rain or shine, Colin Fisher Studios has the world of art and its treasures consolidated under one roof, curated to perfection. www.colinfisherstudios.com

Taira with Colin Fisher. Photo by Gregg Felsen

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