

**RICHNESS AND DIVERSITY: AN
EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY BALKAN
ICONS**

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER, LONDON
MARCH 20 - MAY 19, 2006
Daily 10.00am - 6.00pm
Saturday & Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm



A unique opportunity to see a selection of contemporary icons from Bulgaria, Greece, Romania and Serbia & Montenegro, never previously shown in Britain.

They are the work of both men and women iconographers, mostly urban lay people, or members of monastic communities and many have degrees in fine art. In general, the works shown belong to three broad strands: Traditional/Byzantine, Naive and Modern. While some of the artists are interested in reviving and interpreting the historical traditions of Byzantine or primitive/naive iconography, others reflect more recent painterly influences, experimenting with visual languages new to the tradition.

The exhibition curator Lazar Predrag Markovic began work on this project in June 2003. Since then it has travelled to a number of museums, art galleries and churches in Norway and Finland.

The exhibition will be open daily at the historic City church of All Hallows by the Tower, from March to May 2006. The curator will be present to lead guided tours of the works and there will be several illustrated lectures and events.

The exhibition is free. Icons and a catalogue will be available for sale.

Saturday May 6th 2006

Image and Belief: how does the revival of icon painting influence contemporary religious art?

A symposium at All Hallows by the Tower
from 10.00am - 4.30pm Cost £15

An opportunity for all those interested in icons, religious and contemporary art to meet and discuss the rise of interest in traditional iconography and its relevance to Christian communities of faith and those who produce religious art today.

Speakers include: The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres, Bishop of London and The Very Revd Stamatis Skliris, Protopresbyter, orthodox theologian and iconographer from Athens.

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