



## Mr. Jerome Denis Couelle

August 4, 2015

After decades of keeping hemochromatosis at bay, artist Jérôme Couëlle died peacefully on August 4th 2015, in the palliative care unit of Toronto East General Hospital. He leaves behind countless friends and family members in Canada, France, Italy and the United States of America. He will be remembered for his audacious and outstanding work in visual presentation at the Hudson's Bay Company, and will live on through his whimsical and wonderfully spiritual paintings. He was a true friend, and an exceptionally loving father and grand-father. Should you wish to honor him, be kind to nature and look for beauty in all its forms. A Celebration of Life will be held in Jérôme's honour on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 2pm at The Scarborough Golf & Country Club, 321 Scarborough Golf Club Road, Toronto, Ontario, M1J 3G1.

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ Dec 7, 2018

Hello,

*I recently purchased a framed poster by Jerome Couelle. The poster has 3 black birds (labelled Raven #1, 2 & 3) in front of a red house and tree, with snow falling. The poster indicates The Hidden Gallery 47 Yorkville ave Toronto, March 1st - March 18, 1987.*

*On the back is taped a letter (on The Bay letterhead) addressed to J.D. Trdak, Store Manager, Oakville, dated Jan 27, 1983 and signed by Jerome.*

*I could not find any contact info on the internet, other than the obituary, but I'm wondering if his family would want the letter. I am not looking for compensation, as I know what it is like to lose a loved one and how precious all memories are.*

*If you would like the letter please let me know - I would be happy to forward to you.*

*I'm not sure if this will reach you - but thought I would try.*

*Sincerely,*

*B. Reinhart*

*bonita\_reinhart@hotmail.com*

*P.S. I was immediately drawn to the poster and love Jerone's style.*

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**Bonita Reinhart** - December 07, 2018 at 10:46 AM

RV

“ I first met Jerome in the mid-1980's while teaching history at the University of Vermont and maintaining a large and cumbersome antique shop in Grand Isle, Vermont--which Jerome swore was one of the best shop he had ever been in--he was so outrageous--sometimes when he would visit the shop if it was full of people he would shout out "You have turned selling junque into an art form darling"...

For many years we shared meals at his studio or my house and in the process I met some very wonderful artists, ex wives, ex-mistresses, ex-lovers and the intelligentsia of the age.He was a lot of fun whether alone for with a crowd--he always stood-out with his stories of his privileged childhood--his father Jacques the architectural General of France and contemporary of Gaudi, Picasso,Leger, Appolonaire etc...little caring for his family--thus Jerome was on his own early on and then told us all of his experiences in the French Foreign Legion.

His story of hi-jacking The Hudson Bay jet to look at the Northern Lights--showed at what esteem he was placed by thinking people--anyone else would have canned him .

His absence in the Lake Champlain Islands has already left a void in my life and the life of others who spent years enjoying his company and his art.

Bonsoir cher amie..RIP

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**Rene VAllee** - August 19, 2015 at 11:20 PM

RH

“ I first met Jerome sometime in the late 90's... I had quit my career with the feeling that I needed to paint. A caring Uncle brought me to Jerome most likely with the hope that Jerome would see my work and persuade me to Stop!...

The minute I met him in Vermont all my worries and fears ended... I saw my future... I wanted to be him, exactly this wonderful, eccentric old man...I saw my future and I can't say enough about what that meant to me... Over the years we met about 5 times on my visits to Vermont... But, most important to me is he sent me cards and letters and encouraged me and my Art to be unique, his words and phone conversations keep me pushing forward and trying to live up to his encouragement... I loved Jerome for his unique spirit, and I am eternally grateful to have shared a small piece of his world . He helped me find me...

*Rob Hooper*

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**rob hooper** - August 13, 2015 at 10:22 PM