

## Art Around Town

### ***Art Around Town Artist's One Man Show at Chappaqua's Random Farms***

*Art Around Town* artist Sitki is having a one-day showcase of his recent Impressionist paintings at Chappaqua's Random Farms clubhouse on Saturday, October 26 from 5–10 p.m. The event is open to the public. For information, call 914-238-9698.

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Truly an international artist, Sitki is Turkish-born, English-educated and an American family man residing in Chappaqua. He worked as a textile designer for over two decades and still maintains a prominent place in the industry as design consultant to Ralph Lauren. In recent years, he returned to his passion for painting on a full-time basis. With a fierceness in his eyes, he proclaims, "I will be a great and famous artist; it can be no other way for me." His recent work represents an important step in his development which, with his extremely open and curious nature, will take him into ever new forms of expressing in paint the world he sees. His commitment to his art smacks of the passion that makes you want to watch his career as he grows.

His birthplace exposed him to both Islamic and European art as well as the beauty of the Mediterranean coast of his home, the Turkish port city of Mersin. As a boy, he studied art in Turkey and later moved on to Oxford, England to learn about abstraction and expand his understanding of color. He learned his textile design at major art schools in London. Sitki might be considered a fusion painter. He intermixes influences of the Islamic tradition of geometric design drawn from Koranic scripture with the influences of the ever-searching, ever-inventive traditions of Western art. In today's world, his is an art to look to for possibilities and relevance.

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