

Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa announces *Renaissance and Revolution on the Hudson*

Historic inn ushers in a new age of discovery of art, nature, and culture on the Hudson with the unveiling of 12' by 9' lost da Vinci nude interpreted by Yanusz Gilewicz.

April 26, 2005 Milton, NY – Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa today announced that it will launch its *Renaissance and Revolution on the Hudson* art and nature series on May 13, 2005 with the unveiling of Yanusz Gilewicz' interpretation of Leonardo da Vinci's 'Leda and the Swan'. Gilewicz' 'Leda' stands 12 feet high by 9 feet wide and will be displayed on the exterior of the Inn's barn. Additional works by Gilewicz will be displayed inside the barn's upper gallery.

The *Renaissance and Revolution* series of art-related events at the Inn will run through October 2005, with special public viewing events held each month. The Inn wishes to offer its visitors an entrée into art and culture in the Mid-Hudson Valley and is centrally located to Storm King Art Center, DIA Beacon, and the art communities of New Paltz, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, and Woodstock. The unveiling of 'Leda and the Swan' will be followed by a series of monthly Sunday picnics and art exhibitions in the Inn's barn gallery. Inn guests are invited to view the art displayed on the property and to tour nearby art, cultural, and recreational attractions.



His only nude, Da Vinci's original 'Leda and the Swan' expressed his ideal of feminine beauty and sexuality. The original 112 centimeters high by 86 centimeters wide painting was destroyed in the 1700's by French nuns who considered it obscene. Gilewicz choose to interpret da Vinci's 'Leda' as he sees the landscape of Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa as an extension of the painting. Additionally, the controversial union of Leda and Zeus in the form of a swan symbolizes the merging of the earthy and the divine and how great beauty is born of both. Leda and her swan seem ready to step out of the painting and become part of the new renaissance at Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa. The Revolution begins on Friday the 13th of May.

About Yanusz Gilewicz

A Poland native, internationally renowned artist Yanusz Gilewicz is a life-long da Vinci scholar. His clients include the late Pope John Paul II, Sting & Trudy Styler, Kansai Yamamoto, Itochu Gallery, Barney's NY, Eric Clapton, Iggy Pop, Slash, and Michael Lang. To learn more about Yanusz, visit www.yanusz.com. To view the 'Leda' in progress, visit www.yanuszledavinci.com.

About Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa

Built in 1764, the recently renovated and expanded Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa combines modern luxury and comfort with historic elegance and charm. The 70-acre Hudson River estate has been carefully landscaped to preserve its natural beauty with exquisite gardens, flowering terraces, wild flower fields, ponds, brooks, streams, and waterfalls. Organic gardens and hens, native and imported wild life, relaxing and rejuvenating spa services, and gourmet cuisine all combine to create a unique environment to escape to and indulge. Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa - A short drive from the city, a million miles away. For more information, visit www.buttermilkfallsinn.com.