



NAY TIN MYINT: Former political prisoner in Burma and member of the NLD-LA (USA), the American branch of the Burmese democratic party, the National League for Democracy. He spent almost eleven years as a political prisoner, seven of them in solitary confinement.

MAURA STEPHENS: Professional journalist and contributor to Newsweek and Newsweek International Magazines. She is also the US spokesperson for the International Campaign for Freedom for Aung San Suu Kyi and Burma.

STACY FREUDENBERG: Photojournalist and contributor to the AP, New York Times, and the Chicago Tribune.

JEFFREY KARL HELLMAN: Artist, producer and filmmaker. Hellman is currently producing a film with Changhee Chun titled, *Honoring Home*, a feature length documentary about Burmese freedom fighter U Han Lin.

KYI MAY KUANG: Artist, activist, and Burmese exile.



Future projects for the Mirca Group include extending the Freedom & Art tour to the Mediterranean and Scandinavia as well as a return to the States (possibly Ithaca or Elmira, NY) in 2010, and planning its next charity book, with a focus on the environment. And if

which next takes the art to South Africa, under the care of Mirca artist Belinda Van Der Merwe. International artists with works on display include Prem Singh, India; Constantin Sevrin, Romania; Laurence J.T. Loungeville, Switzerland; Martin Bonnici, Australia; and Elly Prestergard, Norway; as well as local artists Goldberg, Carol Flaitz and Elizabeth Winchester.

In addition to the exhibit—showing January 10 through March 14—there will be an international reception and panel discussion February 14th (4 PM) at the gallery, centered on spreading awareness about the political situation in Burma/Myanmar, with an emphasis on Aung San Suu Kyi. The panel includes:

you believe that art can truly make the world a better place, Freedom & Art—both the book and exhibit—should offer a great venue to put that belief into practice. ▼

FREEDOM & ART will be from 1/10 through 3/14 at Mount Beacon Fine Art, 155 Main St., Beacon, www.mountbeaconfineart.com, 845.765.0214, with an international reception and panel discussion 2/14, 4 PM. Please visit www.mirca-art.com for more information about the Mirca Group.