

Don Soker Contemporary Art
Cordially Invites You to the Opening Ceremony of

Red and White art exhibition

on Thursday, August 30, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Exhibit on view through September 27, 2012

The exhibition presents geometric and abstract paintings of acclaimed American and Hungarian artists to celebrate the avant-garde spirit of Agoston Haraszthy.

'We are greatly delighted that Edwin M. Lee Mayor of San Francisco proclaimed August 30, 2012, Agoston Haraszthy's 200th birthday, as Bicentennial Day. On the occasion of this noted anniversary a large-scale festival is being held in San Francisco, Sonoma, Budapest and Tokaj, with the participation of American and Hungarian civil organisations. The opening event of the festival takes place in Don Soker Gallery, San Francisco, where American and Hungarian artists pay tribute to the founder of Californian wine culture with a great exhibition called 'Red and White'. Festive atmosphere is inherent in the theme 'wine': the colours of grapes, wine, table napkins – dull white and glazing red – are an endless subject for an artist. Also, art does not keep the boundaries; it connects continents, centuries, nations, countries and cultures.' (Zsuzsa Dárdai art critic)

Agoston Haraszthy (1812-1869) was a Hungarian-American traveler, writer, town-builder, and pioneer winemaker in California, often referred to as the "Father of California Viticulture". He was the founder of the Buena Vista vineyards in Sonoma, California, and the first Hungarian to settle permanently in the United States.

Conception by Zsuzsa Dárdai curator, Agoston Haraszthy's collateral descendant in Hungary.
Exhibition design and setup by János Szász SAXON artist.
San Francisco events are organised by Shara Gemes.

Live music by The John Brothers Piano Company,
opening performance by Chabo Hernadi at 6:00 p.m.

Hungarian & Californian wine tasting with János Májer the Mayor of Tokaj,
and with Balázs Humayer the President of Tokaj-Sonoma Association.

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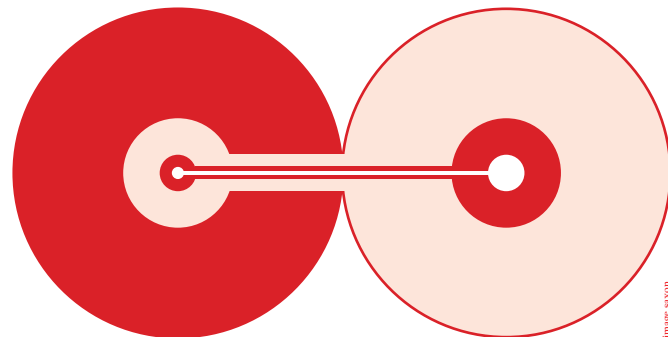


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Éva Mária Bányász (H), Christel Dillbohner (USA), Peter Dimick (USA), Dániel Erdélyi (H), Gábor Erdélyi (H), János Fajó (H), András Gál (H), Jesse Gottesman (USA), István Halmi-Horváth (H), John A. Hügl (USA), István Haraszty (H), Vandorn Hinnant (USA), Bence Marafkó (H), Liz Maxwell (USA), Rob de Oude (USA), Balázs Pataki (H), Aaron Parazette (USA), János Szász Saxon (H), Theodora Varnay Jones (USA), Kati Vilim (USA)

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