



### Inauguration of a Portuguese Art Gallery

Rooster Gallery is the new window for Portuguese artists in New York.

Portuguese art has a new "window" in New York, at the Rooster Gallery Contemporary Art, which opened the doors with works of six Portuguese artists based in Manhattan.

The inaugural exhibition opened under the title "Geography of Affections - Six Portuguese Artists in New York". It entails works by Miguel Ângelo Rocha, Maria João Salema, Tiago Estrada, Isabel Pavão, Carlos Roque e Teresa Henriques.

The catalogue of the exhibition is prefaced by Ambassador of Portugal to the United States, João de Vallera, who said this event offers a singular opportunity for the general public to appreciate a truly representative mosaic of Portuguese contemporary art.

The name of the gallery, according to Andre Escarameia, is a reference to one of the symbols of Portuguese folk culture, the Barcelos rooster.

"I am trying to put together a network of Portuguese artists, curators and institutions", said Escarameia, who has been living in New York for two and a half years.

"Geography of Affections" will have an encore next year, with six different artists.

An exhibition has been scheduled for April 2011 by the Portuguese painter Pedro Pascoinho and in June one by Tiago Estrada.

But, in spite of taking on the "almost patriotic duty of helping Portuguese artists", the young entrepreneur, with a degree in "Art Business" by Sotheby's Institute of Art, stressed that his intention is to open space for artistic creators of any specialty, curricula and nationalities.

"It is a multifaceted program. We want to create a dialogue among Portuguese artists who live here and others who are in Portugal to try to create a multifaceted program, both with world-renowned and emerging artists".

"Geography of Affections" is followed by an emerging U.S. artist, Eric Sommer, but Escarameia says that the objective is to show the work of renowned artists like Paul Morrissey, Sonia Delaunay or the Brazilian Roberto Burle-Marx.