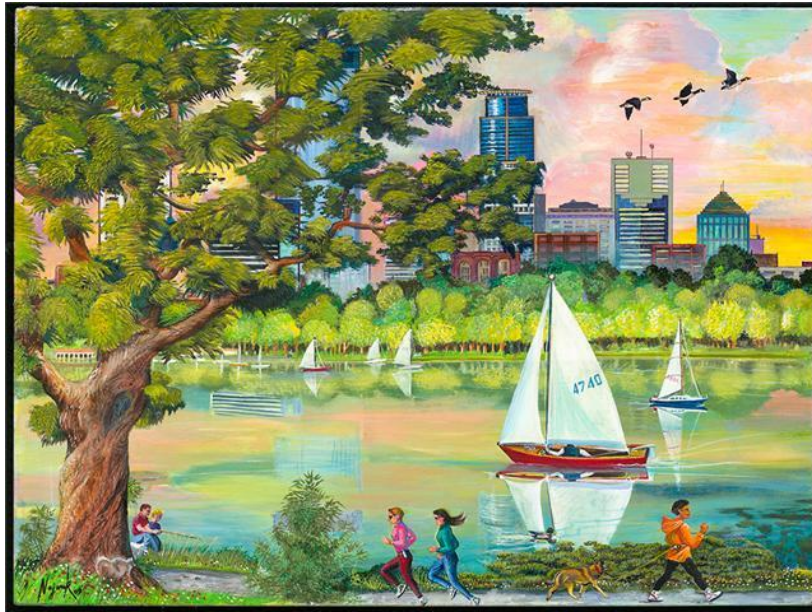


Opportunity to own an original Jason Najarak oil painting!



**"Taste of the City" -- a summer view of downtown Minneapolis from Lake Calhoun
(Oil and egg tempera, 30"x 40", 40"x50" framed)**

This is your chance to own an original oil painting by **nationally known Minneapolis artist Jason Najarak** – and benefit those in need in our community!

To support the Minneapolis Rotary Clubs' 2009 "Taste of Lake Street for Minneapolis Hunger Relief," Najarak has created an original painting titled, "Taste of the City." **This beautiful cityscape will be on display at Taste of Lake Street, Sunday, Oct. 4th from 1-5 p.m. at Midtown Global Market.** Event attendees will have the opportunity to meet the artist and bid on this original work via a silent auction. All proceeds from this sale will go directly to benefit Minneapolis food shelves that provide local hunger relief.

Bidding for this painting will begin at \$3,000. (Comparable Najarak paintings have sold in galleries nationwide for \$10,000 to \$28,000). Artist proofs (16" x 20") will also be available for \$40 each at the event.

About the Artist:

Jason Najarak is a Minneapolis-based artist who counts Vincent Price, John Wayne, the Freudian Institute of Vienna, Salvador Dali, President Carter, the TB Walker Museum, the Mayo Clinic, and Bill Gates among his collectors. A 1958 article in *Reader's Digest* featured Najarak as one of America's "Top Ten Young Artists". In 1972, Jason discovered the work of Ernst Fuchs and traveled to Vienna to meet the great master of *Fantastic Realism*. Najarak's work was then exhibited in Vienna, Turin, London, Boston and New York, and later displayed in a two man show along with Marc Chagall at Brandeis. Subsequent exhibitions followed in Manchester, Paris, and Rome. Jason later went to Holland, where he established the Najarak Seminar teaching *Flemish painting and the Mische Technique*. In 1980, he returned to the U.S. and established the *Primal Realism Art Movement*. Throughout the 1990s, Najarak concentrated on creating monumental canvases and sculptures for corporations and communities in America and Europe. Since the turn of this century, he has been promoting his avant garde art style at galleries in Vail, Aspen, San Francisco and Fort Collins. Jason is also the founder of the Najarak Art Guild through which he creates specialized art materials recommended by conservators for their archival qualities. He is currently on contract with galleries in Europe. In 2010, Jason plans on creating a monumental canvas for the Najarak Art Guild as well as conducting seminars in Colorado and Florence, Italy. Further information about Jason is available at: www.najarak.com or mnartists.org.



For information about Taste of Lake Street or to purchase event tickets in advance online, go to www.tasteoflakestreet.org.