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ALEXANDR (SASHA) TRACHISHIN

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"Blinds"

Date Acquired: 6/15/1994, Date Created: 1994
Framed Dimensions: 39.5 x 63.5", Picture Dimensions: 36 x 60"
Medium: Oil on Canvas

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Born in a small town outside of Kiev, Ukraine, Trachishin received his degree from the Minsk Glebov Art School in 1986 with a concentration in Drafting and Art Drawing.

Trachishin writes: "My name is Aleksandr. To make it easier for you, let's call me Sasha (I make up my nickname). Someday I am going to do same thing with my last name, because it is really hard to pronounce. I've no idea what it would look like, but probably it wouldn't be Salvador Dali or Marc Chagall.

"I'm emigrated from former Soviet Union. I really in love with my country, but I left it, which is not typical. It is a worst time down there. I'm not feeling myself guilty. Probably I'm not feeling myself guilty- yet. Sometimes I'm asking myself why I did it and I've no answer. I didn't stop to love Soviet Union (there is no more country with this name) and I had no chance to start to love another one which located at the place where I grew up- Ukraine. By the way, I dreamed to go to take a look at another parts of the world since my childhood.

"I think it is time to say a couple words about the art I'm doing. I'm interesting in all kinds of art. Unfortunately I cannot do all of them. But this one (painting) I choose, completely satisfies me.

"All I want to do is to bring a little more beauty to this world. The world is beautiful by itself and probably doesn't need my help, so, let's put it another way! Some people are sleeping beauties, some people are sleeping people. I want to wake up some people from the first group, and give a chance for some people from the second group to have a feeling they are people from the first group. Sorry if it is complicated. It really is. I just don't want to bring or to show any madness in my art. If you need it you can go and watch a TV or read a paper. I would not say that it is forever. Who knows. I'm not believing in the changing of personality, especially adult personality, but 'never say never.'

"In case I will die some day (unfortunately it happens almost with everyone) and you would need a couple of words to say goodbye before I will go to another world, I have it for you: 'Don't think he died because of the age or car accident, he just tried to live in a world where people have a habit to drink a wine first and then love each other. It did not happen with him a lot, but it should not happen at all. All his life he tried to do it the opposite way and he wish you a same thing. Amen.'