



## HUMAN RIGHTS FROM ANFAL TO NOW

By

**DARA ARAM**

February 25 – March 10, 2007

Opening Reception:

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

### **Cedar Ridge Gallery**

225 Confederation Dr. Scarborough, On. Canada M1G 1B2

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Gallery Hours: Mon-Wed 9:00 am – 10:00 pm. Thurs 9:00 am – 9:00 pm.

Fri-sAT-sUN 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Heading to Mountain. 06 Mixed Media& Installation 110x120 in



“Human Rights from Anfal to Now” is presented by Dara Aram, a Toronto-based artist, who was born in Kurdistan.

The exhibition demonstrates the concern about global atrocities and explores the human devastation of the genocidal Anfal campaign in Kurdistan by the former Iraqi regime spanning from 1980 to 1988. In this show, Aram’s artistic declaration is that we, as compassionate human beings, should not allow or stand complacently silent, for genocide to occur based on ethnicity, religion or gender. We should, as civilized people, strive to recognize each others’ freedoms and rights in order to live peacefully side by side. As art is a means to express emotion, Aram’s hope for this exhibition is to display and inform the viewer about the genocide of the Kurdish people. This show is also a tribute to the Jewish people, the Armenians and the peoples of Bosnia, Nagasaki, Rwanda, Darfur and Cambodia; whom have all suffered from genocide.

In addition to large paintings and installations of mixed media, there will be several presentations including Kurdish music performed by Farzad and a speech by Guest speaker, Dr. Hassanpour, a professor from the University of Toronto. The opening date is February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Cedar Ridge Art Gallery in Scarborough.

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