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### **SUNDARAM TAGORE BEVERLY HILLS PRESENTS *SAVE THE HIMALAYA*, DRAWINGS BY RIMA FUJITA CELEBRATING TIBETAN CULTURE**

**Exhibition dates: April 29-May 14, 2011**

**Opening cocktail reception: Friday, April 29, 6-9 pm** (featuring Tibetan food, music, and special guest Mr. Lobsang Nyandak, representative of His Holiness The Dalai Lama in the Americas)



*Let's Go Home*, 2011, giclee on canvas, 38 x 60 inches



*The Himalayan Mountains*, 2011, oil pastel on black paper, 11 x 13 inches

**Beverly Hills, March 8, 2011**—Rima Fujita, a New York-raised Japanese artist, presents recent works and original drawings from her new book, *Save the Himalaya*. The book, which includes forewords by The Dalai Lama and Richard Gere, educates children about ecological issues surrounding the Himalaya and its culture. All proceeds go toward educating children about the environment.

*Save the Himalaya* is a testament to the Himalayan region and the preservation of Tibetan culture. Fujita's book is published in several different languages, including Japanese, English, and Tibetan in an effort to educate not only children around the world, but also Tibetan children in exile about their own culture and environment.

Working on black paper with oil pastels, Fujita draws inspiration from her dreams to create fantastical and lyrical imagery. Even when working on canvas, she begins with a black surface. She utilizes black not as negative space, but to denote contours and texture. She describes her creative process as meditative, and draws inspiration from the Japanese aesthetic of *wabi-sabi*, which recognizes beauty in imperfection and transience.

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Rima Fujita, of whom The Dalai Lama has said, “You are the artist who creates beautiful art,” is a founder of Books for Children, a nonprofit organization that creates children’s books and donates them to Tibetan children in exile. She has exhibited her artwork in New York and Japan and has collectors worldwide. She has won several international awards and received special recognition from Nobel laureates Bishop Desmond Tutu, Betty Williams, and The Dalai Lama.

Special guest Stephen Commins, Ph.D., lecturer of Urban Planning, University of California, Los Angeles, formerly of the World Bank and an expert on humanitarian disasters, will talk briefly about the environmental crisis in the Himalaya.

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