



Feast Your Eyes

Teatro takes pride in sourcing the best local ingredients. Consider the artworks as ingredients in the restaurant experience. They contribute to the environment of opulence, in the spirit of *gesamtkunstwerk*, the architectural concept of “all-embracing art form.” Grand space, fine art, good service and excellent cuisine all work together.

Owner Dario Berloni began selecting art for the restaurant when it opened in 1993, with an impeccable eye for a particular contemporary aesthetic that complements the heritage Beaux-Arts architecture of the Dominion Bank Building. Berloni continues to be a strong supporter of Calgary’s cultural community. The diverse paintings, drawings and prints are by some of Calgary’s best artists and during this 25th birthday year, the restaurant has resurrected a scholarship program for students from the Alberta College of Art + Design. —K.Y.

CHRISTIAN ECKART, ANDACHTSBILD 722 (1990) *Top right*
23-karat gold leaf on gel medium on birch, pine and poplar
 Berloni wanted a work by the rising international art star, and with advice from his friend, gallerist Yves Trépanier, he scooped this iconic work as one of the first major purchases for the restaurant just shortly after it was featured in the pages of the German magazine, *Stern*.

RICHARD HALLIDAY, CONSTELLATION SERIES #8 (1994) *Above, left*
Oil stick on acrylic on canvas
 Richard Halliday was an influential teacher and the department head of drawing at the Alberta College of Art + Design for many years. The *Constellation Series* of elegant black-and-white canvases brought him deserved national acclaim at the end of his career.

CHRIS CRAN, UNTITLED (2006) *Above*
Oil and acrylic on canvas
 Chris Cran is an internationally respected local artist. This portrait has special pizzazz with some quintessential Cran ingredients: theatrical allure, black and yellow graphic punch, and a surface technique of dragging a wide brush through oil paint in overlapping swirls, producing a texture that catches and plays with light like a vinyl record. **@**
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