

# Lara Chkhetiani

*Russian Energy Folk Healer*



painting by lara chkhetiani oil on acrylic

*5-day Healing Program  
March 7-11, 2008, Olinda Maui*

Living quietly on a side street in Barrytown, N Y. is a small woman with a generous heart and a Russian accent whose healing gifts are having a big impact on those privileged to know her. Her name is Lara Chkhetiani, and she is a folk healer, what Americans might call a medical intuitive, like Caroline Myss, able to diagnose with her hands and also able to cure. Originally from the Republic of Georgia, she was trained in Moscow where the attitude toward folk healing is deeply respectful: over twenty years ago, the Soviet government gave its official seal of approval to alternative healers in that country when Brezhnev was cured of his partial paralysis by folk healer Guna Davitashvili. Since then, folk healers have been working side by side with allopathic doctors and technicians in an alliance far more common abroad than in this country where alternative healing is often viewed with suspicion by the established medical profession. Lara was "discovered" by Guna Davitashvili in 1981. Since she emigrated to our area, stories of the miracles she has worked have been steadily growing. But then, her life is a bit miraculous in itself. "Lara is the real thing," says one friend. "People can spend thousands of dollars, train and study for years and still not be able to do what she does naturally. She has the gift. But she isn't puffed up about it. She sees people right in her house, sometimes her kids are there. It's very relaxed." How did we get lucky enough to have "the real thing" living in our midst? When Lara's home was burned to the ground during the civil war that erupted in the Georgian Republic in the early 1990s, she fled with her family to Moscow and eventually found her way to America, seeking political asylum. She arrived here with only one suitcase and \$250 in her purse. But everywhere she goes, she helps people, and they have been eager to help her in return. "She is a gift," says one devoted client. "Anyone who knows Lara loves her. She is an angel."

*Lara's five day healing program will be held in Olinda in a private cottage at Olinda Retreat & Spa from Friday-Tuesday.  
The fee for the five private sessions is \$500.*