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By Carole Barlowe Dreams & Reflections 2018 Curated by Daniel C. & Silvia Boyer A Fine Arts Exhibition Photos © Margo Mead



"Dreams & Reflections 2018" Artists

Once again reflecting sunbeams draw me into WSAC's intimate gallery. Rewards include exposure to fresh ideas of member artists and exciting work of new recruits. The exhibit's lengthy list of contributing artists allows critique for only one artwork each. (Continued on Page 2)

Janice Wood Wetzel had an image selected for the "Together Photography Exhibition" at the 1650 Gallery in Los Angeles, CA from March - April, 2018.

Alice Hunsberger will lead FREE walking tours, "Acropolis? Struggles for Neighborhood in Morningside Heights," for the Municipal Art Society's Jane's Walk program, May 4th & 5th, 3pm. Register at https://www.mas.org/janes-walk-nyc/

Alice also holds her first solo art exhibition, "The Meditative Mosaics of Alice Hunsberger," Hebrew Tabernacle, 551 Ft. Washington Ave (@ 185th St), May 14 - June 29. Hours: MWF 9:30am - 4:45pm. Opening Reception: May 14th, 6-7:45pm.

Georgianna Grantham, Elton Tucker, Nate Ladson, & Michael Chamblee on exhibit at Gallery M, 127 West 135th Street, until May 18th.

Margo Mead is exhibiting with NYCATA, Boricua College Gallery, May 7-23. Reception: Friday, May 11, 6-8pm. Boricua College, 3755 Broadway, New York (btwn 155 &156 St). Gallery hours Mon - Fri 9am-6pm.

Daniel & Silvia Boyer will have work in the 29th Annual International Invitational Salon of Small Works, New Arts Program, Kutztown, PA (May 25 - July 15); and "Mail Art: Objectified," Azarian McCullough Art Gallery, St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, NY (June 2).

Signature Work A Fine Arts Exhibition

"Signature Work" Artists



By Marianne McNamara Curated by Clare Stokolosa Photos © Herb Fogelson

It's so much fun and even a beautiful learning experience to be confronted by a show like "Signature Works," currently at the West Side Arts Coalition. There are 12 artists in the show and everyone is a master of their particular venue.

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Riverside Poets' Open Poetry Readings take place the first Saturday of each month at the NYPL Riverside Branch, 127 Amsterdam Avenue (between 65th and 66th Streets) from 3-5 pm. Poetry Workshops are held on the remaining Saturdays of each month. To RSVP or for more information, please call 212.870.1810 or email riversidepoets@live.com.

Parkside Poets Peer Poetry Workshop. We are a supportive group of poets who meets most Wednesdays at 6 PM on the Upper West Side to help each other improve our poems. Contact David Elsasser for more information: elsasserdavid@gmail.com.

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West Side Arts Coalition gives a big shout out to Fairway (above) for its continued support of our Artists' Receptions.

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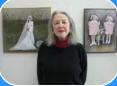
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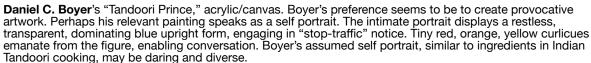
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Monique Serres



Michael Chamblee



**Sonia Barnett**'s "Tribute to John Means," acrylic/canvas. Barnett aptly describes vividly scattered yellow rings competing with unique night-blue and orange forms floating upon deep black sky. Upper right, nestled in night-blue, sits a small, vibrant red circle, seemingly orchestrating this musical painting. Barnett's recognition of her Renaissance friend is beautifully composed.

Silvia Soares Boyer's "Couple With Lamp," acrylic, gold/silver pens/canvas, shows close notice of luminous yellow-faced young couple, seated before pentagon line lamps set upon table curve. The female's facial expression informs thought. The male employs discovery, sporting glaring red circle upon his cheek. Clothed as one in firm, flat bright red, blue and deep black, Soares' Picasso-like painting is skillful, painterly and really clever.

Marjorie Magid's acrylic/canvas, "Three Dreamy Giraffes." These triplets no doubt stop at canvas edge while tall tree-green leafy brushwork looms above. The showoffs, garbed in smooth fur fitted off-white costumes, include pink and purple brushy highlights. A spring-blue sky serves to orchestrate their greeting. Magid makes paintings with unexpected humor, style and refreshing subject matter.

Marianne McNamara's oil/canvas, "He'll Get Over It," enlightening viewers into bride's determination to undo nuptials on marriage night, offers a rare opinion. The bride's country road, late evening decision, defines her "get-away". Accompanying items include one luggage bag and carelessly strewn bridal bouquet. The setting of skinny, leafless trees, early nighttime chill and her lighted cigarette, engage the bride's stiff stance. McNamara's expert realism and unique humor feed the heart and mind of her artistry.

**Gail Comes**' oil/canvas, "James Baldwin," creates a convincing portrait of the renowned philosopher and author. His often quoted later writing suggests that "We should confront with passion the conundrum of life." This studied, strong, "larger than life" image on stirring sky blue grounds will in time become a hallmark for Comes' insightful talent. The artist's mesmerizing portrait motivates onlookers to investigate the history of America's profound author of dramatic race issues; he was endowed to communicate.

**Monique Serres**' "Bread, Wine & Grapes," oil/canvas. Serres exhibits museum quality painting, imbued with sublime beautiful realism, expert brush work and exceptional composition. The table is spread with glistening fresh green and black grapes. Upright, ready, dark wine bottle partnered with stem crystal wine glass, creamy cheese wedge, sliced lemon, and lonely stray grapes invite guests to pre-dinner choices.

**Michael Chamblee**'s "Improvisation," collage entertains gallery visitors with inviting search patterns, composed of paper cutout shapes and "stringing things." Bright, bold, orange center right rectangle rallies focus upon blaring saxophone musician. Jazz pianist, below left, pounds the beat. A blue glass wall with purple note board competes for viewer discovery. Chamblee's expert collage layout and artist's eye focus on Fascinatin' Rhythm!!

**Nate Ladson**'s "Inner Sanctum of Body & Soul," oil print. Ladson's unnamed figure steadily copes with the elements. Dusky-grey rear grounds compete with swirling rush waves besieging centered lone male. Astonishing survival, intensified by turbulent white wave, crashing left, absorbs the figure's strength. Ladson, imbued with a mindful example of human suffering in his sensitive work, exhibits this effective painting of survival

**Dennis Wunderlin**'s "Vissi D'arte" (live for love.) Wunderlin's mixed media collage is influenced by Giocomo Puccini's opera, "Tosca." Turbulent exploding white paint sprays onto blood red centre and adjacent areas. Somehow, a golden fairy tale India print, animals and plant life suggest alternate life. Below, mysterious scenery appears of vaguely huddled figures and lone Buddha figure, behind transparent curtain. Wunderlin's exciting opera-art transports me: admiring opera fan.

**Anne Rudder**, "Winter," crayon, pencil, ink on paper. WSAC President, Poet Laureat, embraces her artwork poetry. Her inclusion of feeling yields thoughtful meaning in line and verse. "Winter's" impassioned message composes spare meaning word pattern. Rudder's "less is more" expression offers a roadway into reserve. She touched my soul!

**Georgianna Grantham**'s "It's Art," acrylic/canvas. Refreshing, color laden, joyful painting signals the viewer. Broad red brushstrokes move your eyes left to right, focusing on diagonal green strokes. Also seeking notice, spunky lil' yellow, red, black blobs group, then burst through more random criss-cross green strokes. Grantham's lively theme has developed into her own personal style. Keep moving color. It's fun to see!!!!

**Niki Khanam**'s oil/canvas, "Betty," encourages compliments for remarkable figurative interpretation. "Betty" is a familiar city woman. Khanam's effective portrayal is clear evidence of a sad life, in need of kindness and coping in our over-priced society. Khanam's sensitive observation uncovers the inner strength of a burdened female. A brief dark purple, turquoise petaled garment spreads to accommodate her full figure. Betty's unsettling frown is gripping. The artist reminds us, real life is necessary to observe.

The diversity of WSAC's artworks encourages further scrutiny, ultimately inviting further gallery discovery. Stop by! Be informed. Pick up WASC's monthly newsletter.



Nate Ladson



Dennis Wunderlin



Anne Rudder



Georgianna Grantham



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Dreams & Reflections

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# 2018 Poetry & Music at Dreams & Reflections 2018

A poetry and music event held in conjunction with the "Dreams & Reflections 2018," featuring Leslie Mills (poet), Silvia Soares Boyer (vocals & keyboard), and Philip Lippman (violin).

Poets\*: Jessica Nooney Pat Hammer Silvia Soares Boyer Harold Serban Lisa Mullenneaux

Carolyn Reus D? Philip de Pinto Daniel C. Boyer David Elsasser Leslie Mills

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(Above)Silvia Soares Boyer; (Pictured Left) Leslie Mills; Philip Lippman (Photo © David Elsasser)

# Thank You!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to:

### Xenia Garamvolqvi **Joseph Healy**

for their generous contributions!

We would also like to note the correction of the name of our newest member from April 2018:

José F. Londaño

## Signature Work

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Lisa Kaplan

March







Frieda Christofides



Nina Hellman



José Londoño



Let's start with Lisa Kaplan who gives us two mesmerizing prints - "For Belkis" and "Untitled." Oh yes, these are quite mysterious to the viewer until we stand in front of them for awhile and suddenly interpret the work in our own special way.

"First Man" by Max Tzinman, a mixed media on board is a stunning use of color on a very dark background and the inclusion of the design on "First Man's" face is utterly beguiling. This viewer could dream up many reasons but probably not the right one! Or there might be many reasons!

Frieda Christofides brings three acrylics on canvas - "Superstition 1," "Superstition 2," and "Superstition 3." Each canvas presents a very mysterious bird to the viewer a tad unsettling but so very intriguing. Hard to pull oneself away!

Nina Hellman's "poem" is an almost monochromatic watercolor - grey, light purples. Two figures appear - one simply walking, the other seemingly jumping off a stone. In Hellman's "Pan" another lively statue is the star of a rainy day.

Jose Londono brings four vibrant paintings on slate - "Breaking Free," "Chasing My Dream," "At Peace," and "Path of Life." The irregular edges makes the work even more entrancing - one can picture them on a stark white wall - wow!

**Carol Rickey** lightens the air with "Cocktails anyone?" and "Reflections on Whimsy" - even the titles are intriguing! But the actual work by Rickey is very artistically rendered. Not an easy thing to do when one is also having fun!

Jessica Alazraki gives a woman's pocketbook the heroic attention it has always deserved!!! But is so often just taken for granted. What is a woman without her very special pocketbook??? I can't even think about that!!! So - good for Jessica for making this wonderful pal a star!

"Sleeping on the Ride Home" and "Chit Chatting with Friends" are two works by Clare Stokolosa. The artist uses the pairing of watercolor and ink. This can be somewhat of a challenge but in this case the results are very artistic and very intriguing.

Margarita Ballester delivers two "Untitled" monotype prints in watercolor. This viewer found the color and design of both paintings - rather than jarring - to be strangely meditative. Of course, we all know - this is what good art can do!

**Marie Robison** has three acrylic paintings on the wall - "Libby," "East Lake of The Island," and "A Village Road." Who is the mysterious Libby??? Will we ever know??? This viewer always enjoys a bit of mystery in a painting - just like reading a good mystery novel.

Three foreign churches are lovingly presented to us by **Madeline Young**. "St. Nicholas Church Vilnius Lithuania," "Pueblo Church New Mexico," and "Arroyo Seco Church." One can almost feel the peace in the air.

Yon Jung Suh is a vibrant abstract artist. Her two acrylic works, "Trust" and the "Dance of Colors" are somewhat meditative and greatly accessible to the on-looker. This observer was captivated by her work's dynamic color and structure.

Many kudos to the "Signature Works" curator, Clare Stokolosa, for bringing this marvelous group of WSAC artists together. The wonderful variety of the work and the special artistic approach from each artist is a true joy for the viewer.





Clare Stokolosa



Margarita Ballester







Yon Jung Suh



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# EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

(F) = Fine Arts(P) = Photography (M) = Craft / MultiMedia

2018

September 12 - October 1, 2017 (F) **Mosaic of Colour** *Margo Mead & Xenia Garamvolgyi* 

October 4 - October 15, 2017 Fall Transitions in Color & Shape Group Show: Women in the Arts

October 16 - 29, 2017 Broadway Mall Community Center Show

November 1 - 19, 2017 (F) **Autumn Highlights** Anne Rudder & Georgianna Grantham

November 22 - 26, 2017 **Art-Nomads** (Group Show: Mongolian Artists) Berik Kulmamirov

November 29 - December 17, 2017 (F) **Free Expression 2017** Sonia Barnett

December 20, 2017 - January 7, 2018 (P) Insight Memories Daniel C. & Silvia Soares Boyer

January 10 - 28, 2018 (F) New Year - Start With Art Linda Lessner & Alice Hunsberger

January 31 - February 18, 2018 (P) **Open 2018** Daniel C. & Silvia Soares Boyer

February 21 - March 11, 2018 (F) Black Renaissance 2018 Sonia Barnett

March 14 - April 1, 2018 (F) **Dreams & Reflections 2018** Daniel C. & Silvia Soares Boyer

#### Dreams & Reflections 2018 Artists:

Sonia Barnett Daniel C. Boyer Silvia Soares Boyer Michael Chamblee Gail Comes Gail Comes Monique Serres Georgianna Grantham Dennis Wunderlin

Nate Ladson Marjorie Magid Marianne McNamara Anne Rudder

April 4 - 22, 2018 (F) **Signature Work** *Clare Stokolosa* 

April 25 - 29, 2018 (F) Voice of the Nomads: Art of the Steppes Berik Kulmamirov

May 2 - 12, 2018 **Spring Transitions: Color & Shape** *Group Show: Women in the Arts Helaine Soller* 

May 14 - 27, 2018 Broadway Mall Community Center Show

May 30 - June 17, 2018 (F P) Spring Stories Xenia Garamvolgyi & Carolyn Reus June 20 - July 8, 2018 (F P M) Salon Show 2018 Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

May 30 - June 17, 2018 (F) Ш **Spring Stories** 

**PPORTUNIT** 

A Fine Arts & Photography Exhibition Hanging: Tuesday, May 29, 6:45pm Reception: Saturday, June 2, 2:30 - 5:30pm

Removal: Sunday, June 17, 6pm

Curators: Xenia Garamvolgyi & Carolyn Reus

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\* If you are interested in exhibiting in this show, please contact the curator(s) ASAP

June 20 - July 8, 2018

### Salon Show 2018

A Fine Arts, Photography, & MultiMedia Show

Hanging: Sunday, June 17, 6:45pm Reception: Saturday, June 23, 2:30 - 5:30pm

Removal: Sunday, July 8, 6pm

Curators: Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

Margo Mead 41 W. 96 St., #13C New York, NY 10025 212.663.1355 meadart@gmail.com If you have any questions or would like to participate in these shows, please submit the emailed Exhibit Entry Form, Image Samples, and a \$60 check (unless otherwise noted) to the appropriate Curator.

### SOLO SHOW OPPORTUNITY

For information about a possible wo week solo or dual exhibition or your work at the Broadway Mall Gallery, please contact Anne Rudder: rudderanne@gmail.com.

### **OUTSIDE SHOW**

**Boricua College Gallery** 3755 Broadway, 4th Fl. (155-156 Sts) November 7 - December 1, 2017

**Visual Chorus** A Fine Arts Exhibit Reception: November 17 Curators: Linda Lessner & Margo Mead

### LIFE DRAWING FOR ADULTS 60+

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Art materials are available or bring your own. Suggested Donation: \$5

**Hamilton Senior Center Annex** 111 West 71 Street Just off Columbus Ave

Moderated by Teaching Artist Margo Mead