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# Ella Walton Richardson | Fine Art in Charleston, SC, **Features Works by Karen Weihs**

Ella Walton Richardson | Fine Art in Charleston, SC, will present Shifting Horizons, featuring works by Karen Weihs, on view from Mar. 2 - 31, 2015. A reception will be held on Mar. 6, from 5-8pm.

Charleston native Karen Weihs lays palette knife to canvas "like a cake decorator spreads icing." With calculated and colorful strokes, she manipulates thick globs into horizon lines, skies, and abstract forms that nod to the Lowcountry palette. Over twenty new works with Weihs' quintessential abstract expressionist style and bold color perspective make this exhibition notewor-

Weihs received her BFA from the University of Georgia and gives credit to he influence of Professor Lamar Dodd and mentor, Frank Licciardi for first inspiring her painting style. She began her professional career as a graphic designer, but sensed her true calling and moved into oils shortly thereafter. In 1994, she received the prestigious Artist of America Award. Weihs has a large collector base that includes the Vanderbilts and her work is shown in corporate offices and restaurants including two governors' homes and The Mansion of Turtle Creek Restaurant.

Weihs once said, "The aim of every artist is to hold life fixed so that a hundred years later, when a stranger looks at it, it moves them again." It is not easy to walk by a Weihs painting and not feel an emotional re-



Work by

sponse. Many of her compositions begin the same way, with two stacked color helds that will soon represent sea and sky. With layers of pigment, she feeds on the inspiration of the moment without premeditation. The results are swirly seascapes and marshes that often include abstracted trees, figures, and houses. Above all, her works are richly hued, living up to Weihs' reputation as a sought-after colorist. This exhibition moves between places and textures, the sea and the mountains, and the eyes that gaze upon the mystifying presence of Weihs' creations. It is not to be missed.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/722-3660 or visit (www.ellarichardson.com).

# **Principle Gallery in Charleston Offers** Works by Sergio Roffo & Gene Costanza

Principle Gallery in Charleston, SC, will present Coastal Light, featuring works by renown artists Sergio Roffo and Gene Costanza, on view from Mar. 6 - 31,

2015. A reception will be held on Mar. 6, from 5-8pm.

Sergio Roffo is an Italian-born painter, continued above on next column to the right

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and now a long-time resident of Scituate, MA. His oil paintings frequently depict sailboats skimming over ocean waters and he is much-loved for his romantic coastal sunsets and misty skies.

Gene Costanza lives and works in Eugene, OR, and is well-known for his impressionistic landscape paintings. His bright colors and lose strokes invite viewers to stop and not just survey the landscape, but experience it! Drawing inspiration from various features of the North Amercian landscape, he will be sharing his works from numerous well-loved destinations: Charleston, Lake Tahoe, Colorado and more!



Work by Sergio Roffo

Principle Gallery has locations in Old Town Alexandria, VA, and Charleston,



Work by Gene Costanza

SC. The Charleston location opened its doors 2013 in the historic French Quarter of Charleston. Principle Gallery has been dedicated to exhibiting the best of American and European Contemporary Realism since opening in 1994. Focusing on paintings in oil and bronze sculpture, the gallery represents emerging, mid-career and established artists with a distinct personal approach to their work. The Principle Gallery brand gains great exposure for its artists through solo exhibitions, selective group shows and national art fairs.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings or visit (www.principlegallery.com).

### **COCO VIVO Artful Living in** Charleston, SC, Features Works by Andre Lucero & Richard Oversmith

COCO VIVO Artful Living in Charleston, SC, will present A Visual Journey, featuring works by Andre Lucero and Richard Oversmith, on view from Mar. 6 - 31, 2015. A reception will be held on Mar. 6, from

Andre Lucero states, "To me, the attributes of beautiful artwork is dependent on the sensitivity of the artist, not technical aspects per se. As artists, our jobs are to be sensitive to what we see, feel, taste, touch, hear and to have a sensitivity to our materials. The quality of that sensitivity directly

corresponds to the beauty of a work."

An impressionistic oil painter based near Richmond, VA, Lucero was trained in a traditional academic setting but in recent years has combined his love for the outdoors with his art. Completing more than 100 plein air paintings a year, his work includes landscapes, figures and still life painted from life. Lucero reveres Old Masters and their painting techniques. He works with his mentor to use Renaissance painting materials to produce the medium that they both

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