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Provincetown & Wellfleet

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OPENING FRIDAY, MAY 26, 6 - 8 PM
BERTA WALKER GALLERY in PROVINCETOWN

SELINA TRIEFF: "*Blessings*"
and
Recent Work by Gallery Artists



Night Walk, 1994, oil on canvas, 72 x 60"

"Trieff's subjects - both people and animals - consistently offer something personal and inspiring and, yes, encouraging to her viewers," notes gallery owner Berta Walker. "Each viewer responds differently to her work and many viewers seem to sense an unusual 'blessing' from one or more of the paintings greeting them. "We hear frequently from our collectors that a figure,

SELINA TRIEFF (1934-2015)
"Blessings"
May 26 to June 24

Launching the 2017 Exhibition Season with great positivity during these difficult times, Berta Walker Gallery opens with "Blessings", paintings by Selina Trieff, who has shown with Berta Walker both in New York and Provincetown for over 30 years.



Figure with green goat, 1990, oil on hydro, 18 x 24"

goat, or chicken by Selina Trieff feels like a personal guide specifically for them."

She continues, "I have been moved and touched by Selina Trieff's art since the first time I visited her studio and met her "people" in their other-worldly environment. I loved them. They are as new and fresh to me today as when I first discovered them! Her paintings made me feel like 'I know!' But what, exactly, did I know? And what is it that the figures know? That "knowing" continues to be communicated to her audience, always creating a strong response-calm, inquiring, meditative, even confrontational. Her message remains remarkably consistent, remarkably timeless."



Yellow Chicken, N.D., oil on hydro, 24 x 18"



Two Faces Against Yellow, 1995, oil on canvas,
16 3/4 x 18 3/4"

Born in Brooklyn in 1935, Selina Trieff studied with Hans Hofmann in New York and Provincetown, Mark Rothko and Ad Reinhardt at Brooklyn College, and Morris Kantor at the Art Students League. Of her early experience at Brooklyn College the artist has said: "From Reinhardt and Rothko I learned that art is a philosophical exploration and that art making involves a mysterious process of self-discovery."

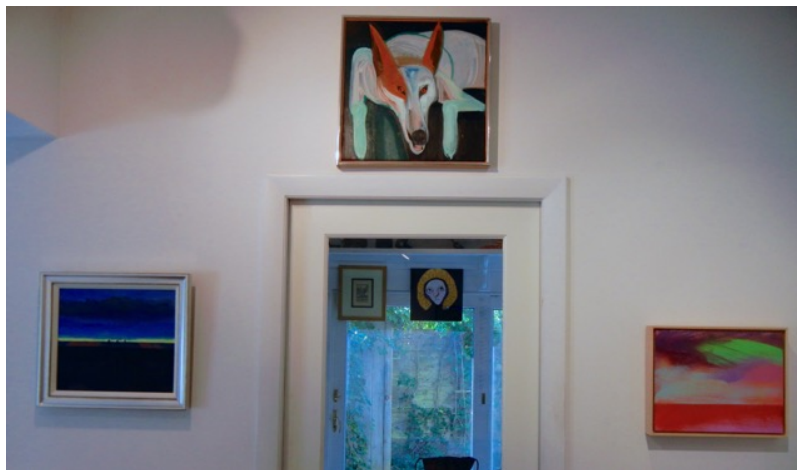
Maureen Malarkey wrote in The New York Sun, "Selina Trieff uses color for the exhilaration of it, creating opulent friezes that whisper of mortality. A student of Hans Hofman's school in the 1950s, Ms. Trieff has gone her own way, ignoring the realist path of most other figurative painter. Her life's work is a metaphorical, painterly cosmos that unsettles and delights at the same time."



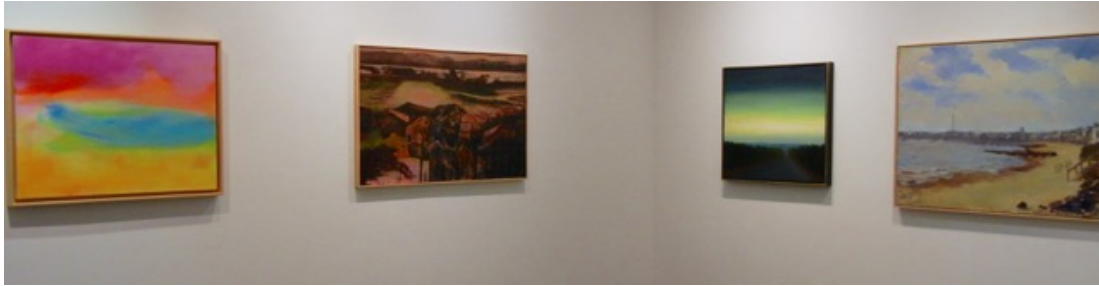
Polo Player on Horse I, 1994, oil on hypro, 24 x 24"

Trieff, called "An American Original" by John Russell of The New York Times after her premiere exhibition presented by Graham Modern Gallery in New York, creates deep passages of beautiful emptiness on her canvases. Her use of color is luminous and jewel-like, bringing to mind medieval stained glass windows and early Renaissance alter pieces. The gold leaf evokes the heightened spiritual presence in religious iconography. Her formally arranged figures are poised in a moment laden with private emotion. Always reserved, they possess a formality that seems to offer them emotional distance, safety. Still, they call to the viewer from that distance. The work is the center, so to speak, the point of meeting in a relationship with the audience, a three-pronged relationship -- the painter, the figure, and the viewer. "The figures are guarded, but they are also vulnerable," Trieff says. Like the artist in the harsh world of earthly experience, they are archetypal pilgrims wandering, searching for a home place."

Recent Work By Gallery Artists



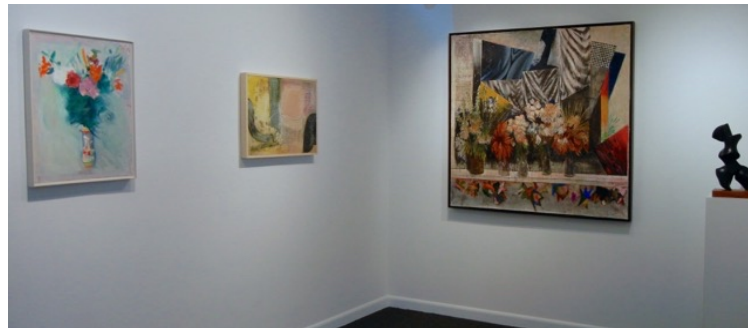
(Installation view to garden) Salvatore Del Deo, Selina Trieff, Sky Power.
Inside, Blanche Lazzell, Selina Trieff



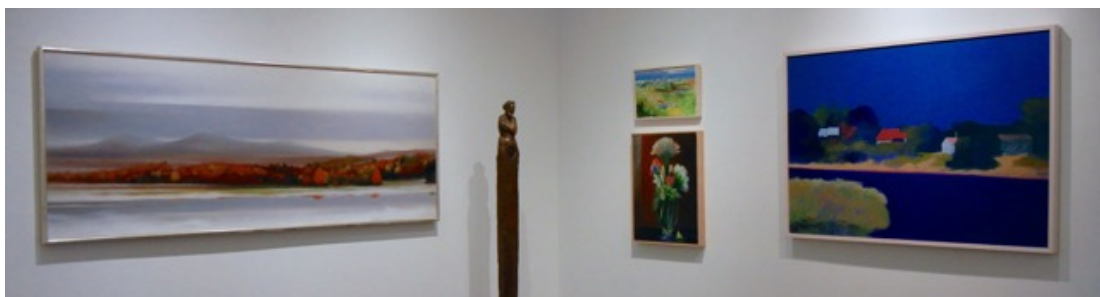
Sky Power, Murray Zimiles, Peter Watts, Rob DuToit



Grace Hopkins, Sidney Simon, Robert Henry,
Varujan Boghosian (top & bottom)



Paul Resika, Joseph Diggs, Ed Giobbi, Gilbert Franklin



Anne MacAdam, Penelope Jencks, Don Beal (top & bottom), Brenda Horowitz

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

PROVINCETOWN GALLERY

June 30 - July 22

Joseph Diggs: "Life's Layers", abstract paintings

The Many Languages of Landscape: **Varuan Boghosian, Brenda Horowitz, Sky Power, Murray Zimiles**

July 28 - August 19

Budd Hopkins* (1931-2011): *Full Circle*

Edgy Women of BWG: **Sue Fuller** (1914-2010) **Ione Gaul Walker** (1915 - 1987) **Grace Hopkins, Blanche Lazzell** (1889 - 1978), **Erna Partoll, Agnes Weinrich** (1843 - 1946)

August 25 - September 16

Romolo Del Deo: *Upon the Flowers of Our Lips* bronze sculpture

James Lechay** (1907-2001): *paintings*

Nancy Whorf (1930-2009): "Our Town" paintings

WELLFLEET GALLERY

June 17-July 15

WELLFLEET ARTISTS of the BWG: **Elizabeth Blair, Robert Henry, Budd Hopkins, Sidney Hurwitz, Penelope Jencks, Lucy L'Engle, James Lechay, Gloria Narden, John C. Phillips, Helen Sawyer, Selina Trieff, Peter Watts**

July 22-August 12

Paul* and Blair Resika:** *Tepoztlan, paintings, pastels and photographs*

Gilbert Franklin (1919-2004): *Figuring in Bronze* sculpture

Cape Modernists: **Gerritt Beneker, Byron Browne, Oliver Chaffee, James Floyd Clymer, Dorothy Lake Gregory, Marsden Hartley, Charles Heinz, Charles W. Hawthorne, Hans Hofmann, Ione Gaul, Karl Knaths, Blanche Lazzell, Lucy L'Engle, Ross Moffett, Vollian Rann, Carl Sprinchorn, Agnes Weinrich**

August 26-September 16

Birds, Bees and the Sea: Gallery artists including **Donald Beal, Varujan Boghosian, Salvatore Del Deo, Joseph Diggs, Rob DuToit, Ed Giobbi, Elspeth Halvorsen, John Kearney, Judith Katz, Susumu Kishihara, Anne MacAdam, Danielle Mailer, Dana McCannel** and others

*In collaboration with PAAM exhibition, 7/21-9/3

**In collaboration with PAAM exhibition, 6/30-8/20

***Paul Resika will also be featured at the Fine Arts Work Center Hudson D. Walker Gallery, 24 Pearl St., Provincetown July, 2017

Gallery Hours

Berta Walker Gallery **Provincetown**

208 Bradford Street, Provincetown

May 25 to July 31: 12pm to 4pm, Closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays

August: 11am to 5pm, Closed Tuesdays

Berta Walker Gallery

Wellfleet

40 Main Street, Wellfleet

May 26 to June 30: 11am to 4pm, Closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays

July & August: 11am to 4pm, Closed Tuesdays

**Often by chance -- Always by appointment
Ample Parking**

"Berta Walker's gallery mission is voiced in the motto that has guided her over the years, 'Presenting the History of American Art as seen through the Eyes of Provincetown'. She aims for nothing less than documenting the role that artists associated with Provincetown have played in the major movements in American art...making the past vital to the living artists she represents, replenishing the present with a curatorial finesse that is highly regarded."

Andre van der Wende, *Provincetown Arts*

Representing:

Donald Beal, Varujan Boghosian, Romolo Del Deo, Salvatore Del Deo, Joseph Diggs, Rob Du Toit, Ed Giobbi, Elspeth Halvorsen, Robert Henry, Brenda Horowitz, Penelope Jencks, David Kaplan, Judyth Katz, Anne MacAdam, Danielle Mailer, Gloria Nardin, Erna Partoll, Sky Power, Paul Resika, Peter Watts, Murray Zimiles -- **Estates:** Gilbert Franklin, Dimitri Hadzi, Budd Hopkins, John Kearney, Selina Trief, Nancy Whorf -- **Photography:** Grace Hopkins, Susumu Kishihara, Dana McCannel, Blair Resika, John Romualdi, John Thomas -- **Masters in Our Collections:** Gerritt Beneker, Byron Browne, Oliver Chaffee, Edwin Dickinson, James Floyd Clymer, Jim Forsberg, Dorothy Lake Gregory, Marsden Hartley, Charles Heinz, Charles W. Hawthorne, Hans Hofmann, Edward Hopper, Ione Gaul Walker, Karl Knaths, Blanche Lazzell, Lucy L'Engle, Ross Moffett, Vollian Rann, Helen Sawyer, Carl Sprinchorn, Agnes Weinrich. -- **Provincetown Folk Art and Ancient African Carvings and Bronzes**

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