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ROCKWELL ART GALLERY/RIDGEFIELD
PRESENTS
ACRYLICS ON CANVAS, MONOPRINTS & SCULPTURE

RIDGEFIELD, CT – AUGUST 26, 2010– In depth interpretation of a single subject best describes the artwork of North Salem, NY artists Gayle Gleckler, and Tony Woolner and Southbury, CT artist Juan Luis Andreu. Gleckler and Woolner collaborate and interpret an identical landscape scene through paintings and monoprints. Sculptor Andreu creates an emotional study of the majestic bull. The exhibit opens August 2, 2010, continuing through September 8, 2010. **An artist reception is scheduled for Friday, August 13, from 5:00 to 8:00p.m.** **The event is free and open to the public. Rockwell Art Gallery/Ridgefield is located at 470 Main Ave, Ridgefield, CT. 06877. Phone: 203-894-8000.**

About the Artists

Ms. Gleckler and Mr. Woolner, in their series, "In Plane View", create paintings and monoprints based on aerial photography of New England landscapes. Flying in their Piper Cherokee, they have photographed nature's patchwork patterns from 3500 feet. After agreeing on the most graphic and dramatic images, each artist translates an individual photograph using their respective mediums.

Ms. Gleckler paints in acrylic on canvas, and Mr. Woolner translates his vision into a monoprint. "Sometimes our art is a mirror image of each other and at times we have a totally different interpretation," notes Ms. Gleckler. While their interpretations vary, the works share high color and a graphic sensibility. The landscape becomes abstracted, yielding strong patterns and sinuous lines.

Ms. Gleckler's interest in art goes back to her studies at University of Florida, NYU and teaching Graphic Concept Classes at The School of Visual Arts in NYC. After a successful career in advertising, she has spent five years studying painting at Silvermine Art Guild where, in July 2010, she won First Prize in Painting. Mr. Woolner, an architect, studied at Rhode Island School of Design and Harvard. He has won awards for his contemporary home designs that have been featured in many publications such as Architectural Digest, House Beautiful and the New York Times.

Sculptor Juan Luis Andreu's interest in the Spanish bull has roots as far reaching as his grandfather who watched men die in the arena, as well as hundreds of bulls. "I introduce the bull as witness to the human social realm where the beast is more sensible and sensitive than man. Observing and studying the bull, I found the thousands of possibilities still to be discovered depicting the magnificence of the animal." Andreu continues, "What takes place for brief moments is a beautiful wrestling match of brave and athletic coordination of both man and beast. This dance of unparalleled beauty should end there." The conclusion, though, is pre-determined. "No creature or being of such majesty should end its life in such a show." It is with this emotion and intensity that inspires Mr. Andreu to pay homage to the majestic bull.

Mr. Andreu has shown his work extensively since 1974 in Spain and the USA, receiving numerous awards. His works range from small tabletop pieces to large bronze and wood sculptures. He specializes in classic sculpture of ceramic, wood, bronze and stone mediums.

Mr. Andreu holds a Ph. D. in Fine Arts from the University of Valencia, School of Fine Arts, in Spain. He is a Professor of Art at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT and Housatonic Technical Community College in Bridgeport, CT. Mr. Andreu has also taught art at Silvermine Guild and the Farmington Valley Arts Center.

About Rockwell Art Galleries

Rockwell Art Galleries has six gallery locations in Fairfield County, CT: Fairfield, New Canaan, Ridgefield, Stamford, Westport and Wilton. In addition to original fine art, all Rockwell galleries offer custom framing, installation services and in-home and corporate art advisory services. To see the full roster of Rockwell artists, visit www.rockwellartgalleries.com.

Artwork

Gayle Gleckler
Southampton Aerial
Acrylic on canvas
40"x30"



Tony Woolner
Columbia County #1
Monoprint
33"x25"



Juan Luis Andreu
Nine
Ceramic Sculpture
16"x12"x5"

