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***Art Students League Revisited***

***May 3 - June 14, 2018***

Ever wonder what do renowned artists O’Keeffe, Pollock, Rothko, Nevelson and Ai Weiwei have in common? You will be surprised to find out that apart from being famous and successful, they were all trained and taught at the Art Students League of New York. The League, which was founded in 1875 by a group of artists, has ever since been a critical instrument in shaping America’s fine arts and continues to remain a legendary community of artists.

On Thursday, May 3, the Flinn Gallery at the Greenwich Library will launch an opening reception for “Art Students League Revisited.” The exhibition includes diverse works of eight artists at the League and will feature sculpture, prints and paintings. Complementing a similar popular exhibit ten years ago, this exhibit seeks to highlight several current League artists and their varied and interesting work. The artists are award winners at the Art Students League. The eight artists of different genres, working in different materials, have thoughtfully and successfully been selected by curators Linda Butler and York Baker. The result is an assemblage of artworks that are diverse, but also complementary to each other.

One of the artists in the exhibition, Henry Finkelstein, who teaches at the League, compares his colorfully beautiful landscapes to musical pieces. He states that his source of inspiration is rooted in his inner emotion and the vibrancy of his artwork is testimony to this fact.

Another artist in the show is Sonomi Kobayashi who was born and raised in Japan and is now a New York based painter and printmaker. She is interested in science, physics, stars, nature, and spirituality, and her work is symbolic and abstract. Her recent oil paintings are based on images that she saw during her meditation.

The stone sculptures of Elisabeth Page Purcell, another artist in the show, are soft and sensual forms that reveal and enhance the innate qualities and integrity of the stone itself.

The five other artists, Kathleen Gefell (Landscape), Thalia Chantziara (Charcoal and oil), Rodolfo Edwards (Mixed Media), Will McDonough (Still Life) and Jeff Atwood (Etching) each try to recapture and interpret the world around them in their own unique way.

The ensemble of the pieces created by these eight artists are a harmonious and meaningful representation of the artistic process that brings enchantment to the viewer and makes the experience wonderfully rich.

**Special events include:**

Thursday, May 3, 6 – 8 pm – Opening Reception for *Art Students League Revisited*

Friday, May 4, 6:00 – 7:45 – Art Lounge: Extended Gallery Hours prior to Friends Friday Film, *Art Bastard*

Friday, May 4, 8 pm – Friends Friday Film *Art Bastard* in the Cole Auditorium

Thursday, May 10, 10:30 am – Artist Talk: Henry Finkelstein

Sunday, May 20, 2:00 pm – Artist Talk: Group Discussion and TAX-FREE SALES DAY

The Flinn Gallery, sponsored by the Friends of the Greenwich Library, is located on the second floor of the library's main branch at 101 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich CT. The gallery is open daily Monday to Saturday 10-5, Thursday until 8, and Sunday 1-5. To learn more visit: <http://flinngallery.com/art-students-league-revisited/>.

This is Flinn Gallery's finale exhibit for the 2017-18 season.

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