



# “DUO TUO: Jerry Schwabe & Kirsten Benfield” at Ashawagh

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## “DUO TUO: Jerry Schwabe and Kirsten Benfield” Opens at Ashawagh Hall

April 3 - 5, 2015

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 4, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Ashawagh Hall, 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton NY

On View: Friday 1 - 7 Saturday 12 - 8 Sunday 12 - 4

Jerry Schwabe and Kirsten Benfield have teamed up for a second time to present **“DUO TUO”**, a two-person show presenting diverse artworks that include seascapes, landscapes and abstraction. The show takes place at Ashawagh Hall in historic Springs, outside of East Hampton Village.

**“DUO TUO”** has a **Reception - Saturday, April 4 from 4 to 8 p.m.** The show hours are Friday 1 - 7 p.m., Sat 12 - 8 p.m., Sunday 12 - 4 p.m. For more info, please contact Jerry Schwabe at [jerry@jerryschwabe.com](mailto:jerry@jerryschwabe.com) or Kirsten Benfield at [kirstenbenfield109@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenbenfield109@gmail.com).



Artwork by Kirsten Benfield.



Artwork by Jerry Schwabe.

## Jerry Schwabe

Jerry Schwabe is a painter, photographer and sculptor. He has studied at various schools, including, the National Academy of Fine Arts, New School University, School of Visual Arts, the Art Students

League, and the Golden Eagle. His award-winning work has been displayed at many solo and group shows.



Artwork by Jerry Schwabe.

This show will feature Jerry's paintings: watercolor, oil and acrylics. A new series of watercolors entitled "Wet Pavement" features soft muted colors. Contrastingly, other paintings are full of vibrant bursts of color pairings.



Artwork by Jerry Scwabe from the "Wet Pavement" Series.



Artwork by Jerry Schwabe

## **Kirsten Benfield**

Kirsten Benfield was born in 1965 in Auckland, New Zealand. At the age of four, her parents embarked on an extensive global overland journey that ended when she was seven. From her travels, Kirsten retains a clear recollection of the colors of each country.

Benfield is self-taught in the way she observes the world and communicates through art. Photography was an early passion that was used to practice focus and composition. At the age of 26, Kirsten moved to New York from New Zealand and came straight to the Hamptons. Benfield finds the Northeast seasons very inspiring, especially around the ocean and bays.

In 2012, at the suggestion of a local artist, Benfield started taking classes at the Golden Eagle, a local art supplies store that hosted art classes. She attended weekly art classes in oil and watercolor. Benfield has studied painting with Janet Jennings and Barbara Thomas and en plein air painting with Barbara Thomas through the Parish Art Museum.

Working with color charts during oil painting classes impacted how she approached both her watercolor and oil paintings. The study of color pushed Benfield into a sense of clear signature of

her work.



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**BASIC FACTS: “Duo Tuo: Jerry Schwabe - Kirsten Benfield”** takes place from April 3 to 5, 2015. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 4 to 8 pm. Ashawagh Hall is located at 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton, NY 11937.

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