



Christopher Engel & Barbara Groot Paintings Exhibited at Romany Kramoris Gallery

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Romany Kramoris Gallery is pleased to feature the work of two painters in its Sag Harbor gallery. "Figures + Abstracts" presents recent work by Christopher Engel in the gallery from August 18 to September 1, 2016. Afterward, Christopher Engel's art will be reinstalled in Romany Kramoris Gallery's Museum Shop, where it will remain on long term view. Romany Kramoris Gallery then welcomes abstract paintings by local artist Barbara Groot to its gallery. Paintings by Barbara Groot will be exhibited September 1 to September 22, 2016. A reception will be held on Saturday, September 3, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at [Romany Kramoris Gallery](#), 41 Main Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

CHRISTOPHER ENGEL

[Christopher Engel](#)'s faces, figures and abstracts invite the viewer to enter their subconscious and allow his images to reveal themselves to their conscious mind. Continuing to embrace his Jungian philosophy, Engel incorporates archetypal images of the collective unconscious via the use of mythical, mystical and dreamlike images in his figures and faces.

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"Muses" by Christopher Engel. Courtesy of Romany Kramoris Gallery.

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Engel's abstract paintings trace ancient patterns, allowing the viewer to journey through a door to our primordial beginnings, where alchemy plays a role in the metamorphosis of random shapes into powerful symbols. Engel opens a door to the past, reminding us of our present condition and perhaps our future transformation.

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"Through the Lines" by Christopher Engel. Courtesy of Romany Kramoris Gallery.

“We are travelers even if we stand still.

We are in constant motion.

Whether we open our eyes or deep in sleep, we are witnesses and participants in the flow of images, ideas, and movements that make up our universe.

From the marks on cave walls to the vibrating strips of string theory, all is connected.

We are tightrope walkers moving through time, balancing what we know and what we don't.

Finding faces of our ancestors and those yet to come in the colorful patterns of fields, on the ground, and in the sky – the simple wash of rain on black roads or the call of morning birds.

All the while, angels and spirits are there to point the way to understanding what it all means.

The quest for meaning can be answered in this simple way – we are all made from the same things and we are all one.”

–Christopher Engel



“Talisman 6” by Christopher Engel. Courtesy of Romany Kramoris Gallery.

BARBARA GROOT

[Barbara Groot](#) grew up in Southern California with the sun and light illuminating the landscape. Now living and working in East Hampton, she finds the light on the East End equally special and energizing.

“This energy has charged and influenced the work plus my ongoing desire to reinvent the immediacy of the ever changing moments in nature,” says Groot. “The paintings contain active and bold brushwork to pursue the energy felt in our natural world. A strong, personal and inventive layered use of color gives these paintings a fresh, lush and sometimes surprising view into the world around us. The use of linear elements further vitalize the brushwork.”



“By the Creek” by Barbara Groot. Acrylic and pastel on canvas. Courtesy

of Romany Kramoris Gallery.

There is an elegance in her long sweeping line work, reminiscent of musical phrasing. Her brushstrokes appear as if from modern music scoring which channels emotional lightness and spatial freeness, uplifting the viewer. Her boundaries are loose or nonexistent, contributing to a breathless freedom.



“Natures Game” by Barbara Groot. Acrylic on canvas. Courtesy of Romany Kramoris Gallery.



“On the Pond” by Barbara Groot. Acrylic and pastel on canvas. Courtesy of Romany Kramoris Gallery.

BASIC FACTS: Romany Kramoris Gallery is located at 41 Main Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. The gallery is open 7 days a week from 10 AM to 9 PM, later on weekend nights. For information, visit www.kramorisgallery.com.

A solo show featuring the paintings of Barbara Groot will be exhibited from September 1 to 22, 2016. A reception will be held on Saturday, September 3, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Click [here](#) for details.

“Christopher Engel: Figures + Abstracts” is presented in the gallery from August 18 to September 1, 2016. Afterwards, work by Christopher Engel will remain on view at Romany Kramoris Gallery’s Museum Shop. Click [here](#) for details

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