



Two Painters Discuss Narrative Realism with Pat Rogers at RJD Gallery

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An Artist Talk featuring contemporary painters Alexander Klingspor and Margo Selski will take place at RJD Gallery on Saturday, June 26, 2017 from 5 to 6 p.m. Moderated by art journalist and Hamptons Art Hub Managing Editor Pat Rogers, the artists will discuss their paintings on view, the inspiration for the works and the ways their fantastical characters captured in mid motion evolve from idea to canvas.

The Artist Talk coincides with the opening of their two-person show "Suspension of Disbelief." The exhibition features recent paintings by Klingspor and Selski. An Opening Reception for the exhibition also takes place on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. Reservations are requested for the Artists' Talk and can be made by emailing art@RJDgallery.com. The show continues on view through July 16, 2017.

Occupying one of three galleries in RJD Gallery's new location on Main Street in Bridgehampton, "Suspension of Disbelief" features three works by [Alexander Klingspor](#) and six paintings by [Margo Selski](#). Both artists make figurative dreamlike paintings that makes use of narration but in styles that are distinct from each other. Both incorporate a compelling cast of characters that begin with observing live models. To discover more about the artists and an exhibition preview, click [here](#).

Margo Selski

Margo Selski's art reveals moments experienced while growing up and captures the spark of self-awareness while exploring the fragility of life in general. Informing her work is the duality between permanence and impermanence and explores the desire for safety in a world that offers little of it. Portraying a recurring cast of fantastical creatures, there is wonder to be found in paintings that conjure fairy tales. To conjure the fantastical and ancient with contemporary experiences, many of her paintings feature "cracked" surfaces that recall Flemish paintings.



"Training Session" by Margo Selski. Oil and beeswax on canvas, 40 x 30 inches.
Courtesy RJD Gallery.

Margo Selski is based in St Paul, Minnesota. Her work has been the subject of extensive solo shows and her art is found in multiple museum collections. Selski is a gallery artist of RJD Gallery. Her work has been the subject of solo shows and exhibited in group shows at the Hamptons-based art gallery.



Margo Selski. Courtesy of the artist.

Alexander Klingspor

Alexander Klingspor's paintings are frequently set in the underbelly of urban living, where decadence beckons at every hour. Alternatively, the figures in his large-scale paintings might find themselves alone, or nearly so, and in intimate settings where self-reflection is powerless to stave off the distractions of glittering company and indulgence in earthly pleasures.

Alexander Klingspor has exhibited nationally and internationally. He maintains studios in both New York and at the Royal Academy in Stockholm, and his work will be the subject of two major museum shows in Sweden this year. An expansive two-floor show opens at the [Prins Eugens Waldemarsudde](#), with most of the solo show continuing to an exhibition at the [VIDA Museum & Konsthall](#). Klingspor's work has been exhibited in group shows at the gallery and is a gallery artist for the Bridgehampton-based gallery.



Alexander Klingspor in the studio. Courtesy of the artist.



"Dance Of The Deadly Nightshade" by Alexander Klingspor. Oil on linen, 47.50 x 70.50 inches. Courtesy RJD Gallery.

Pat Rogers

[Pat Rogers](#) is an award-winning arts journalist and the publisher and managing editor of [Hamptons Art Hub](#), an online only publication revealing art in The Hamptons and East End of Long Island and New York City. Her art writing and journalism has appeared in numerous publications. She has

written about artists and the visual arts for 20 years. As a moderator, Rogers has been featured in panels discussing en plein air painting, the state of art on Long Island, artists of The Hamptons and the use of social media and online marketing for artists. She has also given talks on the rise of Hamptons Art Hub as a unique publishing visual arts platform for The Hamptons and Long Island.



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RJD Gallery

RJD Gallery presents contemporary art focusing on American Magical Figurative Realism, narrative portraiture, photorealism portraiture, figurative art and urban landscape from emerging and mid-career artists along with American Master Painters from RJD's Private Collection. Gallery artists include [Salvatore Alessi](#), [Margaret Bowland](#), [Teresa Elliott](#), [Andrea Kowch](#), [Kadir Nelson](#), [Odile Richer](#), [Phillip Thomas](#), [Pamela Wilson](#), [Frank Oriti](#) and others. Master Painters that are part of the RJD Private Collection include [Jamie Wyeth](#), [Bo Bartlett](#) and more painters.

Founded by gallerist Richard Demato, the gallery was first located in Sag Harbor but was consumed by a village fire in December 2016. [RJD Gallery](#) swiftly relocated to Bridgehampton and reopened in March 2017. Both Alexander Klingspor and Margo Selski lost paintings in the fire. Click [here](#) to read about the fire and [here](#) for the story of the [gallery's journey](#) to its new incarnation and location.

RJD Gallery is located at 2385 Main Street, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. www.rjdgallery.com.

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