

Paintings that Conjure the Sensation of the Sea Make a Splash

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Contemporary realism paintings by Livia Mosanu conjure the sensation of the sea through the depiction of rolling waves, frolicking waters and a seemingly endless ocean through compositions that typically don't include a horizon line. Instead, the nuances of the ocean's surface are relayed with precision in paintings made by the New York Academy of Art graduate. In the last few months, her paintings have been creating a stir in New Jersey where the artist is based, following a year of attention from multiple curators.

In October, a range of recent work by Mosanu was on view during Mana Contemporary's Open Studio Weekend. That same weekend, a painting from her "Ocean Series" was part of the Jersey City Open Studio Weekend in a group show at Panepinto Galleries. The exhibition, "[Through the Eyes of an Artist](#)," presents over 70 artworks by 56 artists that reveal the artist's perspective of contemporary life. Artists are centered in New Jersey and New York City including Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Staten Island. The show remains on view through May 1, 2018.



“Ocean Composition 7” by Livia Mosanu, 2015. Oil on Linen, 63 x 41 x 1.5 inches.

This month, Mosanu’s exhibition streak continues. Last weekend, her paintings were part of New York Academy of Art’s “Deck the Walls” Holiday Show in Tribeca in New York City. Designed to present small works by Academy Artists, the show is an especially fun one as the artist names are cloaked and only revealed after purchase.

This weekend, Mosanu’s latest painting *Ocean Composition 11*, leaves her studio to join two additional paintings from her “Ocean Series” in an exhibition at [Art Lines Galleries](#) in Hackensack NJ. The group show, “Power of Silence,” opens on Friday, December 15, 2017 with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. The show continues on view through January 20, 2018.

Mosanu graduated with an MFA from the New York Academy of Art in 2015. After taking a year off to care for her newborn daughter, the painter turned her attention to painting and getting her work into public view. Earlier this year, she exhibited in New York City at [Flowers Gallery](#) and in a curated

sprawling show of 25 contemporary realists held in Long Island City.

In addition, her art was exhibited in New York and New Jersey in various galleries and pop ups. Livia Mosanu won Best Fine Art in Hamptons Art Hub's "[Inspired by Water](#)" Competition in 2016. Her painting *Ocean Composition 2 (The Last Wave)*, 2015, was selected by Kathryn Markel of Kathryn Markel Fine Art in Chelsea. A story on her art publishes next week at [Hamptons Art Hub](#).



"Ocean Composition 2 (The Last Wave)" by Livia Mosanu 2015. Oil on shellacked Arches watercolor paper, 70 x 45 inches. Courtesy of the artist.

BASIC FACTS: "Power of Silence" opens at Art Lines Galleries with an Opening Reception on Friday, December 15, 2017 from 6 to 9 p.m. The show continues on view through January 20, 2018.

Art Lines Galleries is located at 121 West Railroad Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07662. www.artlinesgallery.com.

“Through the Eyes of an Artist’ is on view October 14, 2017 through May 1, 2018 at Panepinto Galleries, located at 70 Hudson Street, Jersey City, NJ 074302. www.panepintogalleries.com.

To see more of Livia Mosanu’s artwork, visit her website at www.liviamosanu.com.

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