



# Carly Haffner Solo Exhibition Opens at Guild Hall

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“Carly Haffner: In The Woods” opens November 14, 2019 and continues through February 23, 2020 in the Guild Hall Education Corridor gallery. An Opening Reception takes place on Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. and is open to the general public.

For the Guild Hall Education Corridor exhibition, Carly Haffner will present a selection of her recent landscape paintings. Depicting the woods in her folk-art-inspired style with minimal lines and subtle color shifts, the viewer is guided through the landscape paying homage to another side of the ‘Hamptons.’ Turning the focus away from the sprawling beaches and farm fields to the residential landscapes of the year-round community: homes in the woods, yards with old cars, fishing gear, a vintage airstream, etc. Haffner chooses a narrative that carries much more weight for her and her community.



“Pink Sky at Night” by Carly Haffner, 2018. Courtesy Guild Hall.

Haffner moved to Springs, East Hampton, NY 36 years ago and she is the only remaining family member who still resides on the East End. Her twin brother [Grant Haffner](#), an equally well-known artist on the East End, current resides in Massachusetts.

In Carly Haffner’s show, a principal painting is one in which she depicts her family home on fire, metaphorically burning down what once was. Drawing attention to an experience that is far too familiar, she touches on the struggle of the local community in The Hamptons. As the region grows in popularity and the cost of living increases, it becomes harder to sustain a comfortable life. Haffner’s art raises the concern, particularly for the future of the artist community which has a deep historic legacy.

In 2005, Haffner was one of five founding members of the [Bonac Tonic](#) art collective. Founded as a way to draw attention to next wave of young artists, the Bonac Tonic collective made waves for shows held at Ashawagh Hall in East Hampton from 2005 to 2016 and as guest curators in winters at Kathryn Markel Fine Art in Bridgehampton, NY.

Haffner has a BFA from the California College of the Arts and an MFA from Hunter College, New York

City and has exhibited at the Silas Marder Gallery, Bridgehampton and Ashawagh Hall, East Hampton.

The Guild Hall Education Corridor is a space adjacent to the Museum galleries that highlights emerging artists living and working on the East End of Long Island. Each year an artist is selected to transform the corridor space with their work and collaborate on programming with the Guild Hall Education Department.

Haffner will be working closely with the Guild Hall Education Department and the Teen Arts Council to develop a set design element for the performances in the theater during the Student Art Festival Opening Reception to be held January 25, 2020 from 2 to 4 p.m. She will additionally host an evening of painting for adults and young adults, "Painting Trees with Carly Haffner" on February 20, 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m.

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**BASIC FACTS:** "Carly Haffner: In The Woods" is on view November 14, 2019 to February 23, 2020 in the Guild Hall Education Corridor Gallery. An Opening Reception takes place on Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937.

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