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**JANE SEYMOUR BRINGS STUNNING COLLECTION OF ARTWORK
TO OCEAN GALLERIES FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EXHIBITION**

Award winning actress, designer, and artist showcases her latest watercolors and oil paintings in Stone Harbor, NJ

STONE HARBOR, NJ – April 20, 2015 – The exquisitely talented actress and artist, Jane Seymour, visits Ocean Galleries (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ) for a **Memorial Day exhibition**, bringing an extraordinary collection of her latest oil paintings and watercolors. “Jane Seymour: Up Close and Personal” opens Friday, May 15, 2015 and runs through Monday, May 25, 2015, with all artwork on display available for acquisition.

Due to the popularity of the artist and her artwork, the exhibit will open for a **special preview** on **Friday, May 15**, a week prior to Ms. Seymour’s arrival, and will be open daily from **10:00 AM until 5:00 PM in the Stone Harbor gallery until Thursday, May 21**. The preview week offers an opportunity to view Jane’s artwork in an intimate and relaxed setting. A private reception prior to exhibition hours will be held Memorial Day weekend offering a unique exchange with the artist as she personalizes artwork acquired during preview week.

Beginning **Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25**, the gallery will be open from **10:00 AM until 10:00 PM** for the “Jane Seymour: Up Close and Personal” exhibition. Gallery guests will have the opportunity to **meet Ms. Seymour** during receptions from **7:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23**, and **1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 24**.

A multiple Emmy® and Golden Globe® winning actress, Jane Seymour has proven her talents in virtually all media, the Broadway stage, motion pictures, and television. The multi-talented artist has written over 10 books and launched Jane Seymour Designs, a national lifestyle brand inspired by her homes, art, and family-centered lifestyle.

Seymour began painting more than 20 years ago as part of a healing process for personal challenges experienced at that time. Since then, Ms. Seymour has emerged as an established and accomplished painter, creating an intimate world of delicate watercolors, colorful vibrant oil paintings, pastels, and bronze sculptures. She has exhibited in many North American galleries, has accepted select private commissions, and continues to reach new artistic levels by constantly developing her technique, style, and subject matter.

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Ms. Seymour's love for art and design developed at an early age in England, where family gifts were created, rather than purchased, as a form of self-expression. She enjoyed many museum visits and had a profound early experience discovering Matisse's stunning motifs and Chagall's magical palette, both of which later influenced her as a colorist. Another significant influence was Raoul Dufy, whose vibrant watercolors inspired her lively studies of floral patterns.

The influence of these artists and others continue to define her work, such as John Singer Sargent and Winslow Homer, whose watercolors she has studied. After commissioning noted Santa Barbara watercolorist Tom Mielko to paint a portrait of her children, Seymour became motivated to begin painting with him. This experience led her to begin painting with other artists and friends during her travels and in her studio.

Often described as a California colorist, Ms. Seymour believes that her art reflects the essence of who she is. Her collection of expressive art often reflects her passions in life, such as flower gardening, which is evident in her colorful flower arrangements, detailed landscapes, and lush garden paintings and watercolors. An inspirational trip to paint in Monet's Garden (Giverny, France) became Seymour's personal tribute to the Impressionists, resulting in an elaborate series of paintings and watercolors depicting the famed gardens. Her Ocean Galleries exhibition also includes numerous beachscapes and figurative paintings, many of which were inspired by her home life in Malibu, CA and recent visits to the East Coast.

Along with the gorgeous fine artwork she has painted and sculpted, her love of art and color led her into the world of design with a variety of projects, ranging from her "Open Hearts by Jane Seymour®" jewelry collection, to fine furniture with Michael Amini, home accessories, and botanicals. Most recently, Ms. Seymour worked with Fotiou Fine Moulding by Design™ to develop her own signature line of picture frame mouldings. "As an artist, I have always felt that the frame design truly completes the artwork and enhances the setting for where it is displayed," said Seymour.

Ocean Galleries, which has been providing creative custom framing for 30 years, was one of the first galleries to carry Ms. Seymour's frame styles. "We were fortunate to host Jane at the gallery in 2007 and have carried her artwork in our Stone Harbor and Avalon locations since that time. When we learned about her new line of mouldings, we knew it would be nothing less than exceptional as she is truly a perfectionist and has a brilliant eye for art. We are delighted to welcome Jane back with her latest collection of art," said Kim Miller, owner of Ocean Galleries.

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The “Jane Seymour: Up Close and Personal” exhibition will feature a collection of artwork by the multi-talented artist. The show opens to the public at Ocean Galleries (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ) on Friday, May 15, 2015 and runs through Monday, May 25, 2015. There will be opportunities to meet Ms. Seymour at special receptions from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23, and 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 24. Guests who acquire Ms. Seymour’s art during preview week will have a unique opportunity to meet her for an intimate exchange and personalization of artwork.

In addition to an extraordinary collection of artwork and custom-framing, Ocean Galleries also offers a variety of hand-made crafts from local, regional, and national artists in America, such as glass, pottery, jewelry, and furniture. All summer exhibitions take place at the Stone Harbor location of Ocean Galleries (9618 Third Avenue), which is open from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM daily during the summer season. The Avalon location of Ocean Galleries (2199 Ocean Drive) is open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday. For more information or directions, call 609-368-7777 or visit www.oceangalleries.com

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For 30 years, Ocean Galleries has provided quality art by contemporary artists to their clients while practicing the highest standards of credibility and integrity in a comfortable and unpretentious atmosphere. With locations in Stone Harbor and Avalon, New Jersey, the distinguished art galleries feature an ever-changing display of artwork that includes local artists’ watercolors, nationally recognized artists’ originals, popular beach prints, and limited editions. Ocean Galleries also carries fine furniture and hand-made crafts from America and around the world. Both locations have on-premises custom framing with design specialists and professional framers who can offer a wide selection of mouldings and an endless combination of traditional and custom-designed matting to complement and preserve any art. For more information, please call 609.368.7777 or visit www.oceangalleries.com