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DRIFT AWAY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
AT JOSEF KOTE EXHIBITION IN STONE HARBOR

Ocean Galleries hosts artist for his first New Jersey exhibition

STONE HARBOR, NJ – May 8, 2017 – This Memorial Day weekend, shore-goers will have the opportunity to “Drift Away” at the shore when guest artist Josef Kote brings his collection of paintings to [Ocean Galleries](http://www.OceanGalleries.com) in Stone Harbor, NJ (9618 Third Avenue/609.368.7777).

[Josef Kote](#), who has never held an exhibition in New Jersey, will present his paintings at special receptions taking place 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28. The “Josef Kote – Drifting Away” exhibition will be at Ocean Galleries Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 29, 2017 with all artwork available for acquisition. Exhibit hours are 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM Friday through Sunday and 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Monday.



Drifting Away, Copyright Josef Kote 2017

Albanian born, Josef Kote is best known for his distinctive style and technique which combine classic academic and abstract elements, fused together with his signature drip effect. Kote's trademarks are his bold brushwork and sweeping strokes of vibrant color alongside monochromatic areas devoid of detail, resulting in paintings that captivate the viewer with a tremendous energy.

While many artists will photograph a scene to capture a moment in time and then later paint the imagery, Kote prefers to hand sketch his subject matter. His sketches, while tremendous in themselves, serve as inspiration for the paintings he creates. In recent years, many of his paintings have involved nautical themes, which are always a favorite for shore residents and visitors.



Sunny Days, Copyright Josef Kote 2017

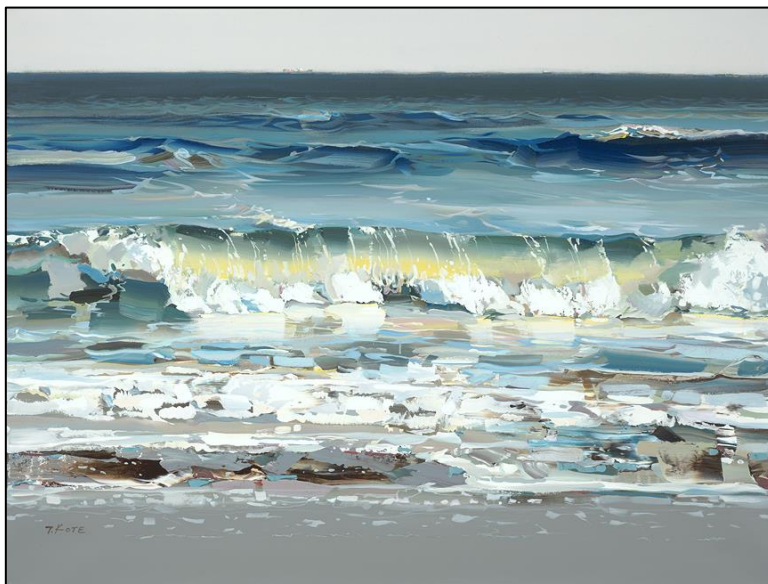
“We have been carrying Josef’s artwork at our galleries in Stone Harbor and Avalon for a few years and our clients absolutely love his paintings! Even though the art is abstract in nature, there is a realism to them that gives you the sense of being at the shore. Taking in his paintings, you can almost feel the cool ocean breeze and smell the salt air,” said gallery owner, Kim Miller.

Much of Kote’s nautical inspiration over the years has come from his hometown of Great Neck, New York. Excited for his first showing in New Jersey, Josef Kote visited Stone Harbor, Avalon, and neighboring New Jersey shore communities a few months back with sketch pad in hand. Like many others, he quickly fell in love with the quaint seaside towns and was inspired to paint a new collection using the sketches he drew during his visit.



Morning Spring, Copyright Josef Kote 2017

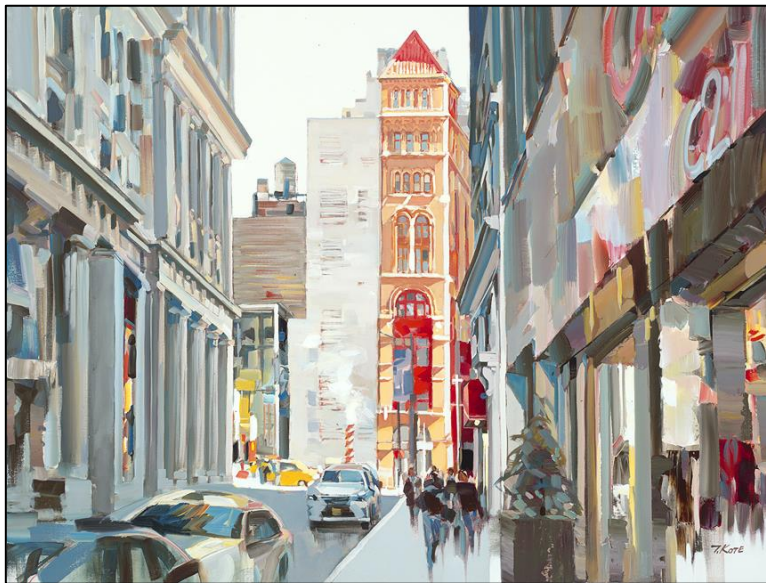
Kote has always found inspiration in the beauty around him. In addition to his many seafaring paintings, he has painted numerous urban and rural scapes throughout his career, depending on where his travels have taken him. As his style has developed, so too has his color palette. Recent works have taken on a deeper blue, making his paintings even more rich and vibrant.



Endless Summer, Copyright Josef Kote 2017

There will be two opportunities to meet **Josef Kote** Memorial Day weekend in Stone Harbor, NJ at gallery receptions from **7:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28**. The “**Josef Kote – Drifting Away**” exhibit includes original paintings, many of which were created specifically for the Stone Harbor exhibition, as well as a selection of limited editions. All artwork is available for acquisition and will be personally signed by the artist during the receptions.

The exhibit and receptions take place at [Ocean Galleries](#) (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ/609.368.7777) from **Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 29, 2017**. Exhibit hours are **10:00 AM to 10:00 PM Friday through Sunday and 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Monday**.



Manhattan Vibes, Copyright Josef Kote 2017

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 5:00 PM daily through June 15 and 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM for the remainder of the summer season.** The Avalon, NJ location of Ocean Galleries (2199 Ocean Drive) is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. For more information, call **609-368-7777** or visit oceangalleries.com

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For more than 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