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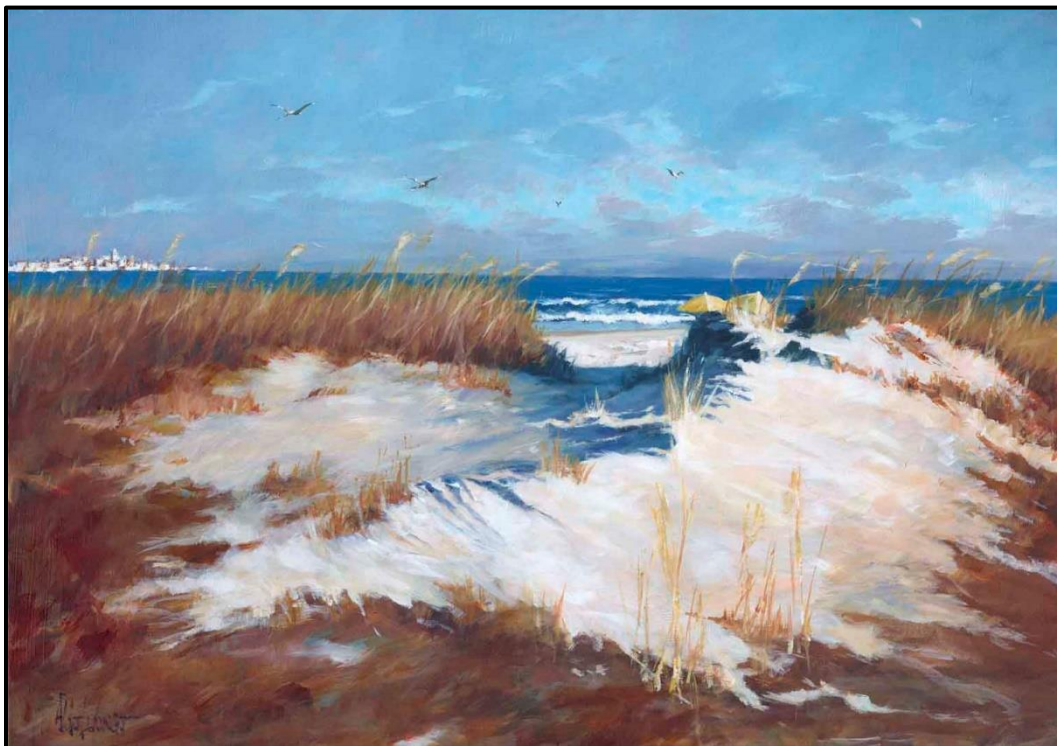
**OCEAN GALLERIES WELCOMES INTERNATIONALLY-ACCLAIMED ARTIST**

**ALDO LUONGO**

*New collection of paintings inspired by summer and the seashore*

STONE HARBOR, NJ – June 28, 2017 – This July, [Ocean Galleries](http://www.OceanGalleries.com) in Stone Harbor, NJ will host Aldo Luongo with his “Reflections of Summer” exhibit, an amazing collection of new paintings inspired by an innate love of summer and the seashore. Guests will have the opportunity to meet Aldo Loungo from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Saturday, July 22 and from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

“Reflections of Summer” opens at Ocean Galleries (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor/609.368.7777) on Friday, July 21 and is on display through Wednesday, July 26 with all artwork available for acquisition. Exhibit hours are 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.



*Morning Sand Dunes, Aldo Luongo 2017*

Born in Argentina of Italian heritage, [Aldo Luongo](#) graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Buenos Aires. Shortly after graduating, he was recruited by the New York Generals and came to the United States to play professional soccer, one of his two great passions. Aldo was living in New York when an injury cut his athletic career short. Inspired by the city's many museums and galleries, Luongo decided to follow his dream and pursue his other immense passion - art.



*Beach Coast Friends*, Copyright Aldo Luongo 2017

In the 1970s, he had his first major success with multiple reproductions of his black and white drawings. Released to great critical acclaim and garnering huge commercial success, the art put him on the map as a major international artist.

From his acrylics to his fine art prints, all of Aldo Luongo's pieces embody the same sense of fluidity and intensity, the result of a true artist engaged in the passionate process of creation. His bold, impressionistic style has often been referred to as "Romance on Canvas." Central to all of Luongo's paintings is the balance between memory and hope, sorrow and humor, freedom and control. These dynamics are clearly apparent in his figurative works, especially those portraying "The Hawk", an archetypal character based on the memory of his father and the discovery of his future self.

“We fell in love with Aldo’s artistic style a few years back when we first saw his paintings. The beauty and intensity of his artwork is truly captivating and echoes the experiences of life lived to the fullest,” said Kim Miller, Ocean Galleries owner. “His newest collection of paintings and sketches is perfect for a summer exhibition at the Jersey Shore, with many of his pieces inspired by Aldo’s love of the ocean and coastal surroundings he has visited throughout his international travels.”



*La Vie En Rose, The Reserve, Aldo Luongo 2017*

Luongo has continued his reign at the top of the contemporary art world for almost four decades. Throughout his career, he has received numerous awards and honors, including being named a three-time official Olympic Artist (Summer 1988, Summer 1996, Winter 2002); an official World Cup Soccer Artist (1998); an official U.S. Women’s World Cup Artist (1999); and the 1999 Sports Artist of the Year (U.S. Sports Museum). Luongo was also commissioned twice by the White House as an artist for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, painting exquisite eggs that now reside in the Smithsonian Institute.

There will be two opportunities to meet **Aldo Loungo** at Ocean Galleries in Stone Harbor, NJ during receptions taking place from **7:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Saturday, July 22** and **1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 23**. 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) **Friday, July 21 through Wednesday, July 26, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily**.

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 throughout 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](http://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](http://www.oceangalleries.com)