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**HESSAM ABRISHAMI BRINGS NEW COLLECTION OF ART
TO OCEAN GALLERIES FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Artist to make special gallery appearance September 2 and 3

STONE HARBOR, NJ – August 7, 2017 – Ocean Galleries welcomes [Hessam Abrishami](#) to Stone Harbor for Labor Day weekend when he brings his newest collection of paintings, drawings, and sketches to the Jersey Shore. “Hessam Abrishami – Colors of Romance” will be at [Ocean Galleries](#) (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor/609.368.7777) throughout Labor Day weekend, with Hessam making special gallery appearances 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 3, 2017.

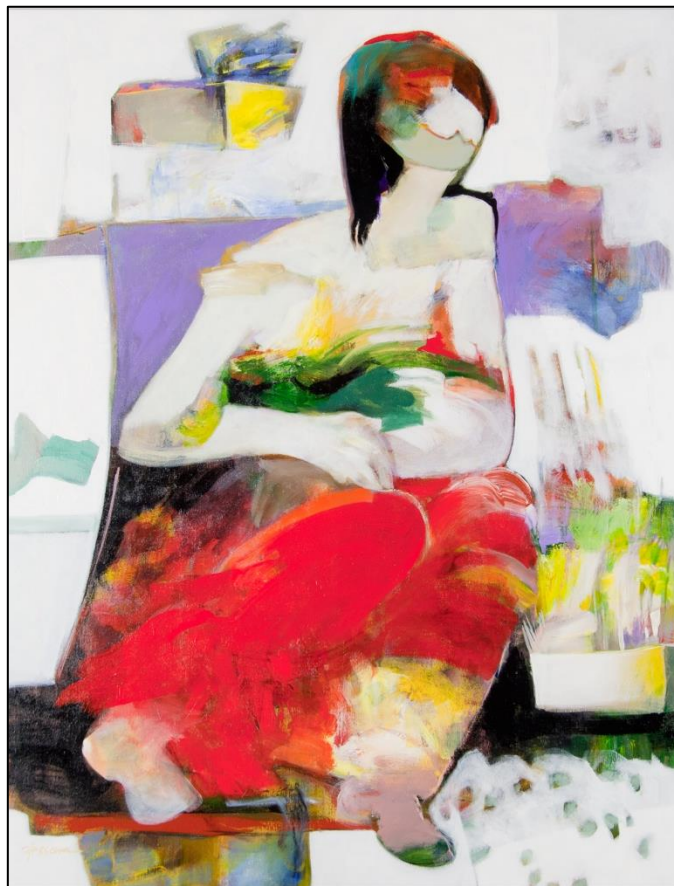
For years, Hessam Abrishami has provided the world with images that capture an essence of love. Hessam’s abstract impressionistic art has been described by the French press as, “A statement in the fluidity of human figures...with tension between each figure, a kinship that provokes the viewer to seek reasons for such a relationship.”



Summer Memories - Copyright Hessam Abrishami 2017

The Persian artist, known simply as Hessam, developed a passion for art at a young age, when a high school teacher encouraged and inspired the 15-year-old to explore his innate talent. He became obsessed with painting, receiving his first award at 17 years of age, then winning top honors in an all-country student competition. At 19-years-old, he received first place honors in the "Iranian New Artists Competition," and went on to receive many other national and international honors.

Hessam studied art in Italy, which he considered to be “the center of art in Europe,” completing his Master’s Degree in Fine Arts at the Accademia di Belle Arti Pietro Vanucci. Greatly influenced by modern Masters from Cezanne to Picasso, as well as the rich ancient history surrounding him in his childhood, Hessam developed a style of boldly colorful paintings that are filled with love and laughter, music and dance.



Season Maturity - Copyright Hessam Abrishami 2017

Hessam’s dynamic compositions, powerful expressions, and vibrant colors have captivated viewers around the world with their amazing depth and unique intrigue. Hessam has exhibited the ability to fascinate and disarm an audience with his artistic works. His paintings are greatly influenced by his dramatic life experiences and the warm acceptance he has received from the world at large.

Hessam has over 20,000 private collectors worldwide and has exhibited his art in Europe, Asia, and North America, participating in nearly 30 international exhibitions and showing his works in many museums. The city of Ormond Beach, Florida has Hessam's work on permanent display in the local museum of art and science. Hessam also received an Honorary Doctorate in 2007 from American Liberty University (California) commemorating his achievements in fine arts. Hessam's art has also been colorfully illustrated in various Ivy League University textbooks nationwide.



Village Night - Copyright Hessam Abrishami 2017

“It is an honor to welcome Hessam to Ocean Galleries,” said Kim Miller. “We fell in love with his artwork years ago and have carried Hessam's art in the gallery for nearly 20 years. In fact, he was our very first exhibit at Ocean Galleries! There is something about his artwork - a sense of romance - that draws the viewer in and is quite thought-provoking. We consider this new collection of art to be his best ever and are eager to share it with the community.”

The “**Hessam Abrishami - Colors of Romance**” exhibit will be at [Ocean Galleries](#) (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ/609.368.7777) beginning **Friday, September 1 through Wednesday, September 6** and will include a new collection of paintings, drawings, and sketches. **Hessam Abrishami** will make special gallery appearances to meet guests and dedicate and sign purchased artwork from **7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 3.**



Joy of Blue - Copyright Hessam Abrishami 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 10:00 PM daily through Sunday, September 3. Beginning September 4, the Stone Harbor gallery hours are 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily.** The Avalon, NJ location of Ocean Galleries (2199 Ocean Drive) is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM through Labor Day. For more information on the galleries and fall/winter hours, 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