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**STONE HARBOR, NJ GALLERY TO HOST EXPRESSIONISM ART EXHIBIT  
FEATURING 'HESSAM' OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

*Newest collection by world-renowned artist to include a wide variety of mediums,  
along with special artist appearances September 2 and 3*

STONE HARBOR, NJ – August 21, 2017 – It's been nearly 20 years since the artist known simply as "Hessam" brought his collection of beautiful paintings to the New Jersey shore area for his very first exhibition. Since that time, his art, as well as his use of mediums, have continued to evolve into a romantic and expressionistic style. His exhibitions have brought him around the world and his pieces have become widely coveted by collectors across the globe.

[Ocean Galleries](http://OceanGalleries.com) is delighted to welcome [Hessam Abrishami](#) back to Stone Harbor (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ/609.368.7777) for his "Colors of Romance" exhibition over Labor Day weekend. Hessam will be bringing a new collection of his latest artwork, featuring a wide variety of mediums, from vibrant acrylics on canvas to classic bronze sculptures and edgy metal sublimations, all hand painted by the celebrated artist. In addition to viewing his artwork September 1 through September 6, guests will have the opportunity to meet the artist during two gallery receptions taking place 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 3, 2017.



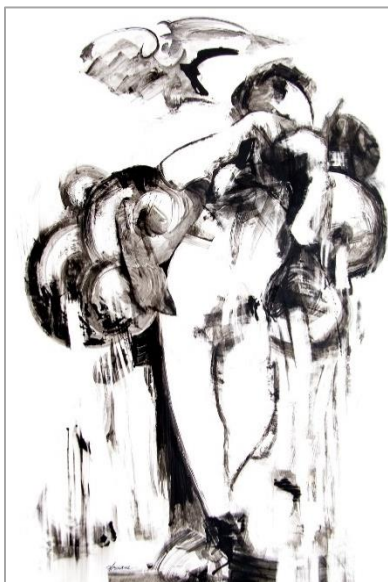
*Boundless Evening – 30 x 60 – Acrylic on Canvas*

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“This is such a special show for us,” said gallery owner, Kim Miller. “Hessam’s very first art exhibition was our gallery’s first exhibition as well. We have loved his art and grown together ever since. We are overjoyed with this new exhibition! There is such a diversity of mediums in this collection of art. Every piece in the exhibit is hand painted by the artist.”



*Always Dreaming Good – 36 x 48 – Mixed Media on Canvas*



*Circle - 36 x 24 - Ink on Board*

The well-traveled Hessam has always been inspired by his surroundings and this collection speaks to that. Having lived all over the world, he recently moved from California to Miami, which has been the motivation for this new dynamic artwork. One example is Hessam’s White Series, where the artist starts with a stark white canvas and adds amazing color and fluid imagery to create a piece of art where the figures truly pop off the canvas. The coastal move also was the stimulus for the rebirth of Hessam’s Ink Series, which are powerful expressions in black and white. These two collections display a minimalistic style with more negative space...yet there is still the fluidity, movement, and vibrancy always present in Hessam’s Signature Series.

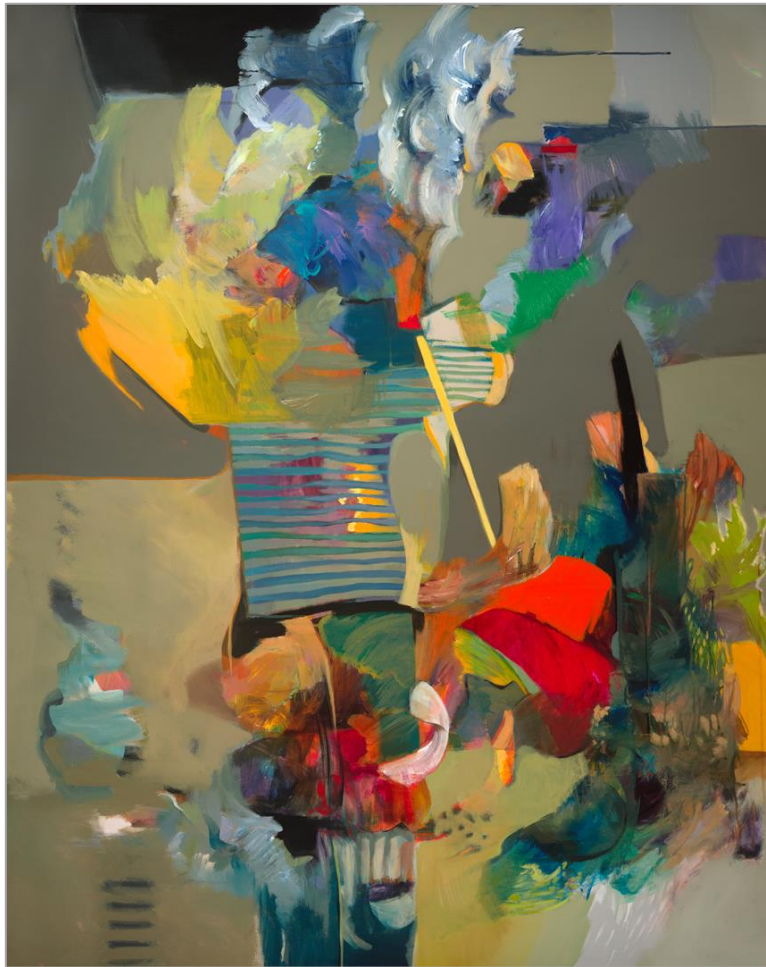
Although Hessam is formally trained in art and can paint very detailed portraits and figurative works, his passion is abstract expressionism, which is evident in this new collection. The warm and charming Hessam explains, “There is something very romantic about the expressionistic art that I paint. Each piece is filled with emotions of love, desire, compassion, as well as a lighter, almost lyrical element, that I hope the viewer experiences when looking at each work of art.”



*Dream Garden – 48 x 36 – Acrylic on Canvas*

Hessam’s unique use of color combinations and blending of palettes make the pieces particularly interesting and appealing. “The end result is nothing short of spectacular”, claims Miller. “Many of our clients are waiting in anticipation to experience the diversity, power, and allure of Hessam’s art exhibition this year in an intimate gallery setting.”

Each piece in Hessam's "Colors of Romance" exhibit is an original. In addition to acrylic paintings on canvas, the collection includes several sculptures, pen and ink drawings and sketches, as well as numerous pieces best described as mixed media on canvas. The unique mixed media pieces entail the artist starting with a predetermined image, then adding interesting texture by painting over the entire piece with tremendous enthusiasm. The resulting work is astoundingly interesting and captivating.



*Far Away – 50 x 40 – Metal Sublimation*

Ocean Galleries in Stone Harbor, NJ (9618 Third Avenue/609.368.7777) will host the "**Hessam Abrishami – Colors of Romance**" exhibit beginning **Friday, September 1 through Wednesday, September 6**. The new collection of artwork by Hessam will feature all original artwork, including paintings, embellished graphics, drawings, sketches, sculptures, and metal sublimation pieces. **Hessam Abrishami** will make special appearances at gallery receptions 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**.

Stone Harbor gallery hours for Labor Day weekend are 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Beginning Monday, September 4, daily gallery hours will be 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Be sure to visit [OceanGalleries.com](http://OceanGalleries.com) for additional fall and holiday hours.



*Calm Whispers - 60 x 48 – Acrylic on Canvas*

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).** The Avalon, NJ location of Ocean Galleries is located at 2199 Ocean Drive and open daily 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM through Labor Day. For more information on the galleries, 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)