

Paintings by Helen Lavelle to be exhibited at La MaMa Galleria in New York City

Opening reception slated for January 14, 2023

NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, December 12, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>La MaMa Galleria</u> is honored to present "Humanity & Divinity", an art exhibition by Helen <u>Lavelle</u>. This show will be on view in the East Village Gallery at 47 Great Jones Street New York, NY (between Bowery and Lafayette Streets) from January 14 to February 4, 2023, Thursday through Sunday from 1-7 PM, with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, January 14, from 5:30-8:30 PM.

A nationally recognized leader in the advertising industry, Ms. Lavelle's drawings and paintings explore the artist's personal journey through pain and vulnerability to resilience and grace. The exhibit is curated by C. Finley, founder of the Every Woman Biennial-NYC, London, LA.

Acknowledging that loss of life, the pandemic, political climate, racial hatred, war and economic uncertainty have given rise to unprecedented and unbearable pain, Ms. Lavelle's work puts it center stage. But she does not stop there.



Helen Lavelle | Fine Artist

The exhibit, which includes both figurative and landscape pieces is designed to remind viewers that the path from humanity to divinity lies in a personal connection to nature. "Nature is our greatest teacher, Lavelle states. Life and death, love and loss, pain and promise...the opportunity to transform in the face of tragedy, to recover (as does nature) is cellular."

For Lavelle, painting is a spiritual process. Landscapes created in Ireland while experiencing extreme grief and sorrow express both heaviness and connection to universal energy.

As to her figurative work, Lavelle explains, "Connecting on a deeper level with nature and God allowed me to portray moments of human vulnerability that are real, raw and honest. I can barely look at them myself."

Lavelle has had more than her fair share of grief, having lost multiple friends and members of her own family to addiction, to AIDs, and to the inability for many to move forward in life. She knows that art heals, brings forth light, even in the deepest darkness.

An advocate for the arts in every genre, she understands that the arts help move people through life's circumstances. Her hope is that through this exhibition, people will see something in themselves that is about transformation.

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ABOUT THE ARTIST Helen Lavelle is an artist and an advocate. A communicator and a

collaborator. A classically trained, contemporary painter based in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

A nationally-recognized leader in the advertising industry and the founder of Lavelle Strategy



"Pandemic Pieta" by Helen Lavelle

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Group, she was educated at Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia's Moore College of Art and Design, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She has also personally worked with American realists, Canadian impressionists, and Irish expressionist masters.

Her painting "Pandemic Pieta" which will be featured in this NYC solo show, was recently exhibited in Milan, Italy and the Canary Islands for the International Art Exhibition "Hysterica" at M.A.D.S. Art Gallery.

Inspired by extensive travel throughout France, Italy, the United States, South America, Ireland and Greece, her work is affected deeply by current global need and influenced by political climate.

Her figurative, landscape and abstract work is held in corporate and private collections worldwide.

Lavelle has devoted her life to chasing the light and capturing spirit. Whether it be with oil paint on canvas or with the launch of a multi-media, multiplatform advertising campaign, Helen Lavelle delivers her message with brazen authenticity. And has the awards to show for it.

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