

Front Page Event Feature in *Black Tie International* Artist **Suzanne LaFleur** Unveils Monumental Painting Series *Serene Refuge* in East Hampton

New York, NY July 3, 2014 Award-winning artist **Suzanne LaFleur** will show a new painting series in the upcoming exhibition *Serene Refuge* at **Lawrence Fine Art** in East Hampton, New York. The exhibition will be on view from **August 2 – 18, 2014** with an opening celebration scheduled for **Saturday, August 2nd from 5 to 8pm.**

Memory, place, and nature are integral themes that drive LaFleur's latest work. Born in Southampton, New York, she relished the region's innate beauty and serene atmosphere as a child. The Hamptons remain a summer retreat for the artist who now lives and works in New York City. In poetic compositions that fuse together color and form, LaFleur meditates on the natural splendor and power of The Hamptons landscape. She creates a space that harmonizes memory and experience, the visceral and the abstract, sophistication and simplicity.



A highlight from the series is its inspired painting, *Serene Refuge*, which measures an astounding 66 x 120 inches. Articulated through fluid swatches of fresh greens and clear blue, the composition evokes an aerial view of the Hamptons' fresh grasslands and blue waters. Organic forms expressed through vibrant pink, red, and orange bring to mind summer's lush flowerbeds.

These latest pieces mark LaFleur's bold return to painting after a very successful period of exploring the expressive capabilities of pastel and paper for which she received numerous honors. LaFleur is a 2014 **Guild Hall Museum** prize-winning artist. **The National Arts Club** awarded her with the **Art Spirit Foundation Gold Medal for Pastel** in 2014 and the **Flora Giffuni Memorial Award for Pastel** in 2013. In 2013, LaFleur's work was presented at the **Park Avenue Armory** by **Lawrence Fine Art**. **The Benefit Print Project** showed her work at **PULSE New York Contemporary Art Fair** and in Miami during **Art Basel**. In 2012, LaFleur made her New York solo debut in the exhibition *Untamed* at **Bogardus Mansion**, New York. In 2010, she made her Chelsea debut in the two-artist exhibition *Constructed Spirits* at **Coleman Burke Gallery**, New York.

LaFleur's work will be presented by Lawrence Fine Art at ArtHamptons (July 10-13) and Art Southampton (July 24-28).