



**KATHRYN MARKEL FINE ARTS PRESENTS *COMPOSITIONS*, AN EXHIBITION OF
NEW STILL LIFE PAINTINGS BY FRANCES CAMPANI**

**September 24th –October 10th, 2026
Artist Reception: September 24th, 6-8pm
179 10th Avenue Gallery**

NEW YORK, NY – August 26, 2026 – Kathryn Markel Fine Arts is pleased to announce *Compositions*, an exhibition of still life paintings by Frances Campani. This is her first exhibition with the gallery. A reception for the artist will be held on September 24th from 6-8pm.

Frances Campani 's minimal paintings reduce the essential elements of still life - bottles, flowers, and fabric draped over a surface - into geometric components. These forms live in a light-filled space created through the careful application of many thin layers of pigment. Muted palettes of cream and taupe play with the transparencies of window and bottle to turn shadows and reflections into abstract elements that create a calming rhythm. In these simple, restrained interiors every element is necessary, and each contributes to the sense of order and balance that permeates Campani's work.

Campani is an architect as well as a painter and this life-long discipline informs the structured geometry of her compositions in paint. She bases her still lives on careful observation, and as she says her paintings "seek to reveal the essential"



Frances Campani received her B.A. in Art History from SUNY Stony Brook and her Master of Architecture from Columbia University. She studied painting at the Art Students' League in NYC and at the Scuola Statale d'Arte in Siena, Italy. She was an Associate Professor of Architecture at NYIT until 2026, and is a partner in Campani and Schwarting in Port Jefferson, NY. This collaboration has won numerous awards for affordable housing solutions and mixed-use projects and currently works with a number of civic and non-profit groups to improve public spaces in their communities. She has also exhibited her paintings in galleries and public spaces throughout Long Island and New York City.

IMAGE CAPTION:

Frances Campani, *Blue Line*, 2026, oil on canvas, 19 x 19 in.

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ABOUT KATHRYN MARKEL FINE ARTS

Kathryn Markel Fine Arts is a contemporary gallery with two locations in Chelsea, New York.

Founded in 1976, the gallery works with a multigenerational group of artists united by hard-won craft and the joy each finds in their studio practice. Their sustained engagement with formal concerns, the materiality of paint and a distinct visual language, results in work that is both visually compelling and conceptually sophisticated, a combination that has always driven our program and attracted the wide network of collectors and institutions we have been privileged to work with.

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