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Josette Urso
Along the Way

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Opening Reception, May 12, 6:00-8:00pm

NEW YORK, NY—March 18, 2016— Kathryn Markel Fine Arts is pleased to present *Along the Way*, an exhibition of new work by Josette Urso.

Josette Urso's paintings are driven by a sense of urgency to record a fleeting moment. She translates the sensory experience of inhabiting a space through her manipulation of the paint, activating the surface in an energetic, tactile representation of her perception. All of the elements of place from every direction are captured in one plane, exploring its forms, light, and energy.

Urso's surroundings serve more as a jumping-off point rather than subject, the details of her initial inspiration becoming more and more abstracted as the piece progresses. Urso's primary fascination is the edge of where the outside meets the inside, a separation yet melding of the natural and man-made worlds. Her work has also become more physical and tactile, her layers of paint building up in peaks and waves throughout the surface.



Vitamin See, 2016, oil on canvas, 60 x 48 in

Urso begins her paintings with big sweeps of color, working in the direction of the flow of the space she is inspired by. Constantly turning her canvas as she works, Urso revels in the unknown and the gradual discovery of the piece as it reveals itself. Guided by intuition, she continues to build up the surface from large, bold shapes to a cacophony of color, pattern, and form. The juxtaposition of intricate detailing with swaths of color leads the eye on a constant journey around the canvas, the sense of exploration paralleling its creation.

Josette Urso received her MFA in Painting from the University of South Florida in Tampa. Urso's work has been exhibited widely across the country, including the New York Public Library, The Drawing Center, and the Bronx Museum for the Arts. She has been awarded numerous grants and residencies, in particular, from the National Endowment for the Arts, Basil H. Alkazzi, and the Pollock-Krasner Foundation as well as the Camargo Foundation and Yaddo, The Alma B.C. Schapiro Residency in Sarasota Springs, NY and the Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation Grant. Urso lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.

Kathryn Markel Fine Arts, Chelsea is located at 529 W. 20th St., Ste. 6W, New York, NY 10011
Gallery Hours are Tues.-Fri. 10:00am-6:00pm, Sat. 11:00am-6:00pm
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