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A French Abstract Painter at FIAF Montclair MAY 19 – JUNE 14

MONTCLAIR, NJ – Artist Carole Jury (France) is pleased to announce her new exhibition *Abstract French Art* at the French Institute Alliance Française (FI AF) in Montclair. The exhibition will open on Friday, May 19 and will remain on view through Wednesday, June 14, 2017 in FI AF Montclair's new, expanded space.

Carole enjoys playing with textured strokes, nuances of color and brightness. Photography is another of her passions. The majority of Carole's paintings are inspired by her photos, which guide her colors, textures, and the reliefs of her abstract painting. Oil paint naturally lends itself to plasticity and superimposition, the principal reason for her love of working with the medium.

Samples from different series –*Vegetal (Plants)*, *Brightness*, *Music in Fall*, *Les Marinières* – will give visitors an overview of Carole's fine art universe.

An opening reception will be held at FI AF Montclair on Friday, May 19th at 6pm with Carole Jury and the FI AF Montclair team. This exhibition, curated by Marie-Catherine Glaser, Director of FI AF Montclair, is included on the Montclair Art Walk tour, which takes place that same evening.

About Carole Jury:

Born in Lyon, France, Carole Jury has lived in Princeton, NJ for three years with her husband and three children. Carole holds Masters Degrees in both Sociology and in Human Resources and worked for many years as a Communications Manager at Arkema, a French chemical Group.

Carole has been passionate about art, particularly painting, since her childhood. In Lyon (France) she painted for herself and for her private circle of family and friends. Upon her move to the States she saw a life-changing opportunity to transform her passion for art into a new profession.

The broad, textured strokes of her oil paintings recall the work of celebrated French abstract painter Soulages. But while he is known for his use of blacks, Jury's canvasses feature vibrant reds, calming blues, rich browns, and other earth tones. The naturalistic palette of water, sky, and wood, the reflective qualities of metal, and the transparency of plastic provide additional sources of inspiration.

"Carole's canvasses are not representations but rather painterly abstractions. Their objective is to entice the viewer into imagining what they might discern in the ridges and folds of their surface. Each is a sort of Rorschach test, waiting ever so unobtrusively to be interpreted by its viewer." (Princeton Town Topics, Oct. 19, 2016).

It is this unobtrusive, yet fascinating quality of Carole's abstractions that makes them so suitable to any interior space, whether private or public.

www.carolejury.com

About FIAF Montclair

The French Institute Alliance Française (FIAP), the premiere destination for French language and culture in the tristate area, offers French classes, workshops, and social events for all ages and levels in Montclair, New Jersey. www.fiaf.org/newjersey

About FIAF

FIAP's mission is to create and offer New Yorkers innovative and unique programs in education and the arts that explore the evolving diversity and richness of French cultures. FIAP seeks to generate new ideas and promote cross-cultural dialogue through partnerships and new platforms of expression. www.fiaf.org

FIAP Montclair

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The exhibition *Abstract French Art* will be on view during FIAP Montclair's opening hours:
Monday–Thursday: 9:30am–1pm & 2pm–8pm; Saturday: 9am–4pm ; Friday & Sunday:
Closed

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