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GALLERY II **Eric Holzman: Small Paintings**

January 8 – February 7, 2015

Lori Bookstein Fine Art is pleased to announce an exhibition of recent paintings by Eric Holzman. This is the artist's first solo show at the gallery.

As the title of the exhibition indicates, this show will be comprised of small paintings of related landscapes. The artist begins each work outdoors and on-site in various locations in Westchester and the Hudson valley. After beginning the paintings in situ, he completes the works in his New York City studio. In his words, he is “compelled to complete the paintings by making them feel more like the place than look like the place.” The artist often works on many paintings at once, taking several weeks to several years to complete each work.

The painterly quality of Holzman’s work lends itself to (and helps create) the emotional quality in his subject matter. Many layers of paint are woven together to reveal carefully and subtly articulated tree limbs or swirling masses of air that seem almost tangible. Richly textured surfaces, with the occasional introduction of sand, seem to reinforce the tactile quality of nature – sometimes articulating his subject and at other times obscuring it. The results are jewel-like paintings, which envelope and transport the viewer into the artists’ Arcadian dreamscapes.

Eric Holzman (b. New York, 1949) received his BFA from Tyler School of Art in 1971 and his MFA from Yale University in 1973. His work has been exhibited widely including solo shows at Jason McCoy, Tibor de Nagy, and Prince Street Gallery. In addition, Holzman has held teaching positions at Pratt Institute, Bard College, the New York Studio School, Purchase College and most recently at BMCC, CUNY. He is the recipient of numerous awards including the Peter S. Reed Foundation grant (2014), the American Academy of Arts and Letters Academy Award (2008), the National Academy Purchase Prize (2008), the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation (1998), the John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship (1991) and the National Endowment for the Arts (1989). The artist lives and works in New York City.

Eric Holzman: Small Paintings will be on view from January 8 – February 7, 2015. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, January 8th from 6-8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. For additional information and/or visual materials, please contact Joseph Bunge at (212) 750-0949 or by email at joseph@loribooksteinfineart.com.