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GALLERY II **Diana Horowitz: Italian Landscapes**

April 28 – June 4, 2016

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

This exhibition will feature a series of small paintings depicting the landscape of and around Lake Como, Italy. Attempting to capture the changing light splashed across the lush Italian landscapes, Horowitz often paints en plein air. By carrying her small canvases (measuring only a few inches in each dimension) around with her she is able to chase the light that is so critical to her work. The effects she captures – reflections gleaming off the water's surface, the sun's rays filtering through the morning fog, or a dark shadow obscuring the side of a hill – are subtle, but lead to the creation of paintings that are both nuanced and carefully balanced. The artist creates the relaxed atmosphere of a lakeside retreat through her earthy palette and concentration on color.

Horowitz's use of quick brushwork creates geometric shapes that layer to form the landscape and houses that circle the Italian lakeside. For example, in *Varenna and Bellagio*, quadrilaterals rest atop one another to create the small building along the left of the canvas, while curvilinear swathes of green form the hills in the background. Color also helps juxtapose the man-made against the natural: the terra cotta red rooftops stand in sharp contrast to the mossy green hills and seafoam green water. Horowitz's soft geometry, keen sense of color and innate sense of light work together harmoniously in these small but impactful works.

Diana Horowitz (b. 1958, New York) received her M.F.A. from Brooklyn College and completed graduate studies at the Tyler School of Art Program in Rome. She has received numerous grants and awards, including those from the Ballinglen Foundation, the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, and the Ingram Merrill Foundation. In 2005 she was elected a member of the National Academy of Design, New York. Horowitz's work is found in numerous private and public collections, and has been widely exhibited in San Francisco, Houston, Chicago, Boston, and New York. The artist lives and works in New York.

*Diana Horowitz: Italian Landscapes* will be on view from April 28 – June 4, 2016. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. For additional information, please contact the gallery at (212) 750-0949 or at [joseph@loribooksteinfineart.com](mailto:joseph@loribooksteinfineart.com).