

# Lilac GALLERY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## BUNNIES AND BUTTERFLIES

Hunt Slonem

November 9 to December 3, 2017



Hunt Slonem, *Still Rising*, 2017 – oil on canvas, 60 x 60 in

New York — Lilac Gallery New York is pleased to present “Bunnies and Butterflies” an exhibition of works by Hunt Slonem. A wonderful collection of his most recent creations exploring new and different media that invites us to celebrate nature and the simplicity of these incredible animals from November 9 to December 3, 2017.

His whimsical bunnies and butterflies have captured the hearts of many across the globe, enchanting us all with a phenomenal power to elevate and inspire effortlessly. His works can be best described as monumental and uplifting as these forces certainly are the cornerstones of his inspiration. His pieces draw upon a spiritual connection with nature, animals, and history.

The exhibition focuses on a collection of Slonem's most iconic subjects. The Butterflies are depicted in a delicate yet playful way in ascension. And the Bunnies with strong gestural lines captivating us with the charm of the Rabbit which symbolizes good fortune. In many works Slonem traces his famous crosshatch details throughout, with thick use of paint and the use of diamond dust on selected works, enhancing the elegance of this collection. These pieces make us feel as if

# Lilac GALLERY

we are encased effortlessly in a colorful whirlwind of beauty, surrounded by the powerful symbolization of endurance, change, hope, and life; inviting the viewer to celebrate nature and the simplicity of flight from the elegant world of the butterfly, and purity of form from the inspiring world of the Rabbit.

Hunt Slonem was born in 1951 in Kittery, York County Maine. His love for animals stems from a dynamic relationship of exotic birds, as he has over 90 of them in his studio, painting them from life every day. Hunt possesses a unique gift, a gift that stretches far beyond his creations in art. Stepping inside his studio is an experience to behold. It is like stepping into a magical world, where you feel anything is possible; similar to the feelings you get when gazing at one of his enchanting paintings. The music of birds echoes and creates the soundtrack while enjoying other treasures placed perfectly in the design of his studio. Hunt is excited by collecting antiques and other unique finds, from top hats to 19th Century objects. His love for unique items of the world from animals to artifacts is transcended to the depths of his paintings, emerging an ever growing beauty. And with use of new mixed media, such as metallic golds and silvers to the sparkle and shimmer of diamond dust, Slonem is always pushing the envelope to the next level of a youthful freshness in his art.

Recently Slonem has been shown at the Moscow Museum of Modern Art and the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg. In 2017 and 2018, he will be featured by the National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the National Gallery in Bulgaria, and Slonem's works can be found in the permanent collections of 250 museums around the world, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the Whitney, the Miro Foundation and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Lilac Gallery is located at 144 5th Avenue, Suite 3L, between 19th and 20th street. For further information, please contact the gallery at [info@lilacgallerynyc.com](mailto:info@lilacgallerynyc.com) or at +1 212-255-2925. Gallery Hours by Appointment Only: Monday to Friday 11am - 7pm & Weekends upon request | [www.lilacgallerynyc.com](http://www.lilacgallerynyc.com)

## **Press Contact:**

Mark Ilitzky

Curator

+1.212.255.2925

[info@lilacgallerynyc.com](mailto:info@lilacgallerynyc.com)

---

*Lilac Gallery was established in 1972 as "LILAC Fine Art" and opened in Manhattan in 2012.*