

# GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

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## BASIL ALKAZZI

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Beatitude II, gouache on paper, 22.4 x 29.9"

George Billis Gallery is pleased to welcome Basil Alkazzi and his work to the New York location. This exhibition will run from March 3rd to 28th, 2015. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, March 5th, from 6-8 pm.

Basil Alkazzi's painting is characterized by Spiritual and Metaphysical components which at once make it of deep significance to the beholder. The unresolved yet beautiful mysteries, alive with suspended drama, throb in the air and permeate the paintings ..."His paintings represent the materialization of poems in visual terms unwritten yet redolent of many remembered. Time and growth are instrumental in motivating his imagery."

He has always, from time to time, found the need to withdraw from the pressures of exhibitions, in order to create a new body of work, to concentrate upon and to explore the range and fecundity of his talent, and the techniques for expressing them. His vibrant body of new work displays a much greater sense of freedom and command of his métier.

In his recent paintings Basil Alkazzi continues the quest to pursue an intensely felt vision. There is a deep meditation on the flora inducing a strange spiritual calm to the viewer, yet making one look deeper, reaching towards the core of celebration let loose in a sensory world of nature's own sensual and mysterious Life-force. Here everything connects within the harmony of the Universe at once both mystical and with an overwhelming sense of awe.

A cosmopolitan, he has traveled extensively and for long periods of time through the whole of Western Europe, and for a time he lived in Greece. Since 1985 he became enamored with America, and all that it stands for and aspires to, and since when he continued to spend periods of time in New York. From 1995 until 2000 he was granted residence in the USA as: An Artist of Exceptional Ability in the Arts. He now resides in the Principality of Monaco, in the south of France.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 18th year in the Chelsea Art district and its sister gallery is located in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles. for more Information, please contact the gallery via e-mail at [gALLERY@GEORGEBILLIS.COM](mailto:gALLERY@GEORGEBILLIS.COM) or visit our website at [georgebillis.com](http://georgebillis.com)

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Twilight of whispering dreams IV,  
gouache on paper, 29.5x39.3"