

## GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

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# JULIAN CARDINAL

APRIL 4 - 29, 2017

George Billis Gallery is pleased to welcome Julian Cardinal and his paintings at the New York location. This exhibition will run from April 4 - 29, 2017. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, April 6th, from 6-8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 – 6pm.

Julian Cardinal began drawing from the figure during his freshman year at the University of Vermont. Summering on Cape Cod, he has spent numerous hours painting in the studio of his father, artist Robert Cardinal. In the spring of 2011, he graduated from UVM, where he majored in English and minored in Studio Art. He has been inspired by artists Michael Davis, Cynthia Packard and Anne Packard, as well as his father. He grew up in North Truro, MA, and currently resides in Burlington, VT.



*Red and Purple*, oil on canvas, 40x30"

“Loose brush strokes, muted hues, and unique textures help define my paintings as dreamy and airy. I like to work as fast as possible, without rushing. If you wait too long to complete a piece, the initial intention will fade. I choose images that my style works well with. Compositionally, I prefer simple subject matters and lines. I often pick black and white photos that I can add an element of color and depth too. I’ll look through hundreds of pictures, and will usually pick a couple from that list. When I paint nudes and flowers, however, I like to paint live. There is something about setting up a bouquet and painting it that is very rewarding. I am very inspired by vintage subject matter, especially early 20th century French fashion. Once I gain a sense of the picture’s composition, I then can duplicate the images using different sized canvas, colors, and line patterns. My goal --- to combine the vintage style of fashion with contemporary expressionism.”



*Pink and Purple*, oil on canvas, 24x20

The George Billis Gallery marks its 20th 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 [www.georgebillis.com](http://www.georgebillis.com)

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