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GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

BENNETT VADNAIS

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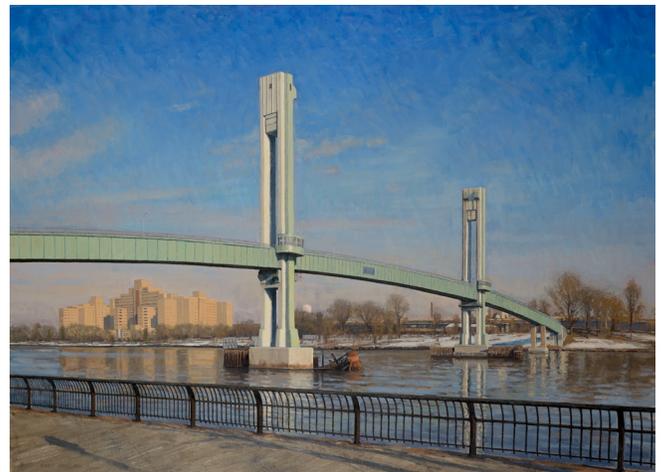
2nd Ave., acrylic on aluminum 31"x40"

Bennett Vadnais will exhibit his recent paintings at **George Billis Gallery**, located at **525 West 26th Street**, between 10th and 11th Avenues, from **December 6, 2016 through January 7, 2017..** An artist's reception will be held at the gallery on **Thursday, December 8th from 6 – 8 p.m.** Gallery hours are **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 – 6pm.**

In his recent paintings, Bennett Vadnais takes quiet, out of the way parts of the urban landscape as his subjects. While these paintings represent specific locations in the city, there is a decided lack of activity and human presence. This gives the paintings a subtle surrealist undertone – an uncanny sense of a familiar place seen out of context or under unusual circumstances. The artist

employs a wide variety of technical approaches depending on the needs of the individual picture. From meticulous rendering and pointillist color vibration to broad impasto or subtle glazing, his paint manipulation is used to clarify the visual and emotional impact of the pictures.

Vadnais' process starts with a prolonged study on locations through drawings and sketches. These are then used as reference and as a memory aid in the studio where the views are elaborated and organized into the resultant pictures. This alternating process of direct contact with the subject followed by some distance and reflection gives Vadnais' paintings a very unique and personal quality.



Footbridge, Acrylic on Canvas, 31 x 42.25"

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 or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com

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