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3rd Street Gallery Presents:

Wanderlust: From Prague to Belgrade

Paintings by Jasmine Alleger

Conceptual

Paintings by Demetra Tassiou

Exhibition runs from October 24 – November 17, 2019

Opening reception on Fourth Friday, October 25 from 5 to 9 pm
Meet the Artist: Demetra Tassiou, Sunday, November 10, 2 to 4 pm

**3rd Street Gallery Hours: Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 6 pm,
Fourth Fridays 5 to 9 pm**

The 3rd Street Gallery is pleased to present the solo shows ***Wanderlust: From Prague to Belgrade***, paintings by *Jasmine Alleger*, and ***Conceptual***, paintings by *Demetra Tassiou*, on view from Thursday, October 24 through Sunday, November 17, with an ***opening reception on Fourth Friday, October 25 from 5 to 9 pm***, and ***Meet the Artist reception with Demetra Tassiou on Sunday, November 10 from 2 to 4 pm***. The 3rd Street Gallery is located at 610 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia. For more information contact pr@3rdstreetgallery.com, call 267-768-6691 or go on our website at: <http://www.3rdstreetgallery.com/>.

About **Wanderlust: From Prague to Belgrade by Jasmine Alleger:**

When my *Grandmom* (aka GMoney) made her grand farewell, I was lost, broken, and ravished with grief, but a bit wealthier all the same. I packed my bags, looking for peace. I took G's gold (and a stuffed alligator) to Prague, Budapest and Belgrade. What I saw was beautiful and unfamiliar. The Romanesque architecture was every bit as inspiring as the rattle can graffiti. I spent the weeks observing, crying and smiling. Even if just for a moment, I found peace in hills of Prague. She never would have understood why I picked Budapest, but she would have waited for my phone call from the airport and delighted in my stories. We are different in that way. She never had a passport and I've never been able to sit still. But I hope to love as fiercely as she taught me was possible.

In the following year, I painted my observations. This is a show about wandering, loving and longing.

About **Jamine Alleger:**

Jasmine Alleger is a Philadelphia based artist, originally from California. She received her bachelor's degree in drawing and painting from Portland State University in 2010 and her Masters of Fine Art from Moore College of Art & Design in 2013. Burren College of Art in County Clair, Ireland and worked for the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program and The Sol LeWitt Estate. Her work has been featured in numerous venues including exhibitions at Site: Brooklyn in Brooklyn NY, The Blue Line Gallery in Sacramento CA and BSquare Gallery in Philadelphia PA. In 2017, she was awarded a solo exhibition and honorarium at North Charleston City Hall from the City of North Charleston Cultural Arts Department. Her work is included in the corporate collection at Capitol One, Wilmington, DE. She is currently a full member of 3rd Street Gallery in Philadelphia.

About **Conceptual by Demetra Tassiou:**

My new paintings have been inspired by my visits to big cities, bursting with lights, construction, and avenues, full of vibrant colors, mixing with the urban landscapes. My eyes, exposed to the energy of constant movement of crowds, cars, and machines, and my ears exposed to the resulting noises, I transformed these impressions on my canvases with an abstract expression of bright colors, and shapes, resembling construction of buildings, reflecting the essence of an urban city. Layers of colors,

repetitions of small motifs, and collages are used to create a visual energy and constant circular movements. My paintings present a unique interpretation of a city life.

About **Demetra Tassiou** (www.demetratassiou.com) :

Demetra Tassiou is a local Philadelphia artist. She joined 3rd Street Gallery in 2009 and is a member of InLiquid website for artists. She has BFA in painting earned in Athens, Greece and an MFA from UPENN in printmaking. Her paintings have appeared in numerous solo shows, group shows, and private collections.

About **3rd Street Gallery**: The Gallery has been in existence since 1978, opening in its first space on the corner of 3rd and Bainbridge in South Philadelphia. As one of the oldest artist-run, fine art galleries in the City it has been home to thousands of Philadelphia artists. The members are a diverse group of artists of all ages and backgrounds. They are multigenerational, have advanced degrees in the arts as well as the sciences, work in diverse media from the traditional to the digital, range from the classically trained to the self-taught and include arts educators, award-winners, and artists whose work is collected by museums as well as by corporate and private collectors.