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Elaine Shor

Hidden Influence

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Image: Influential Impact, oil on canvas, 48 x 36 inches, 2013

SOHO20 Gallery presents *Hidden Influence*, new paintings by Elaine Shor on view through May 18th. Shor's large-scale figurative paintings feature iconic women in powerful poise.

"The Hand That Rocks The Cradle Is The Hand That Rules The World " is a poem by William Ross Wallace that sets the tone for Shor's second exhibition at SOHO20 Gallery. The poem, written in 1865, praises motherhood as a preeminent force for change in the world, citing woman's capacity for both tenderness and strength. Shor's paintings reflect the embodiment of those dualities with strong female figures within masculine environments.

As a young artist, Shor studied with Phillip Pearlstein, whose figurative realist style is evident in her work. Shor's pairing of ruffled sleeves and furling smoke with the rigid geometric backgrounds create a tension that appears feral and mysterious. The figures in Shor's work exemplify the power and energy that is unique to women. Their touch is gentle but most effective. In this way, women personify the nurturance of ideas into fruition.

Elaine Shor studied fine art at Brooklyn College, where she earned her baccalaureate degree in 1979. She has exhibited her work in New York and New Jersey, including exhibitions at The Monmouth Museum, The Center for Visual Arts and Art Alliance of Monmouth County. In 1998, Shor earned a master's degree in art therapy from New York University. She is presently in private practice as an art therapist in New Jersey. She divides her time among her three fields of interest – painting, designing, and practicing art therapy.

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