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**Palm Beach's newest leading artist brings passion, peace, and international experiences to new studio opening at Studio 1608**

**Palm Beach, FL** March 5th, 2019— British-American Palm Beach resident, Camilla Webster, introduces a behind the scenes look at her four exciting collections underway in her studio this Saturday evening, March 9th, treating collectors and art lovers to a cultural evening of *amuse bouches* and an English garden party experience.

Her newest body of work is influenced by her family's century-old great love of South Florida's oceans and environment, and there is an element of healing as its central theme. In 2017-2018 her pieces were on exhibit at The Edition over Art Basel Miami, the Deering Estate, the Ocean Reef Art League, Ideobox in Wynwood, and at Mercedes Benz, Coral Gables.



***Peacock Dusk, 2018***

There are four collections in the opening exhibition. The first, *Keys Kintsugi*, is a Japanese-inspired body of work with splashes of gold meandering through each painting. In *Kintsugi* pottery, imperfections and cracks are accentuated and celebrated with a gold overlay allowing

the flaws themselves to shine through suggesting that there is new beauty and increased value not only in the cracks of pottery, but in the cracks of life itself. This work was inspired by a time of grief and loss in the artist's own life, but also by the devastation and recovery of a community after Hurricane Irma. Webster's message is to declare that life is always beautiful even in the realms of great tragedy and that art has the power to heal. From October to December, Webster's complete *Keys Kintsugi* collection will be exhibited in Islamorada at *Ocean Sotheby's Roberto Russell Gallery*.

The second collection, *Unity H2O*, is also a healing collection. Webster's acrylic on canvas paintings use color, energy, and movement to remind us that we are one with the element of water and that we need it to grow, to heal, to cleanse and to renew. "We are all water, we share global waters and the water in the paintings is also a reflection of our emotional wellbeing", she says. The intention of this work is to bring a sense of solitude and tranquility to all who view it.

In contrast, a new higher energy collection inspired by life in Palm Beach, entitled *Meeting in Palm Beach* is splashed with happy hues of pink, and flashes of lavender and gold in high energy brush strokes, evoking a sense of joyfulness.

The *Women from Flower Power* series portrays the rise of women in power with the artist showing them in a different light, "one woman, one flower, one power at a time".

In each painting and in each collection, essentials of Webster's own colorful life are apparent—her cultural experiences adding to the depth of her creations. Amongst her accolades are award-winning author, T.V. analyst, influencer and adventurer. Her philosophy is that "art has the ability to grab our attention, to emanate the human condition." Indeed, her work as a war correspondent in the Middle East moved her to highlight the perils of war by painting *War Soul*, and her passion for politics inspired her to create *Stars and Stripes* reflecting the turbulence of the year in politics in 2018. In addition to drawing attention to social and political issues such as conflict, immigration and addiction, she uses her platform and her talents to give back to her South Florida community; she advocates for the care of the world's oceans and she donates proceeds from selected works to support the needs of local cancer patients and their families.

Webster paints from the soul. Her artwork not only depicts her passion and empathy but also her desire to educate. She is a teacher. She is an artist. She is a healer, inviting you to decelerate and find peace and hope in her work. As she says in her Ted Talk, *Art in Front of You*, "look up, look down and all around and let art change your life". And she speaks from experience.

Enrich your evening at the Studio 1608 gallery opening, 6 pm – 9 pm, located at 1608 South Dixie Highway in Palm Beach between Norton Museum and Antique Row.

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