"Joie de Vivre" Victoria Koursaros and Asya Livshits

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"Joie de Vivre" is a two-person exhibition featuring two artists, Asya Livshits and Victoria Koursaros. The artists take us to magical worlds, past and present, in which one can freely express various cheerful enjoyments of life: the joy of conversation, the joy of playing, the joy of dancing, and the joy of everything that makes life a delightful journey.

Victoria Koursaros is a Philadelphia based painter. Her work is influenced by the Baroque and Rococo era. In her paintings she takes the viewer to the long gone era of luxury, grandeur, and leisure. Koursarous paints in a playful and elegant manner, embracing the historical period of high fashion and extravagant decorations of the 17th and 18th centuries. Koursaros received her Bachelor's of Fine Art degree from the University of the Arts majoring in Illustration. She frequently exhibits her art works in the Philadelphia Sketch Club, The Plastic Club and Cerulean Arts Gallery in Philadelphia. Outside of the art studio, Koursaros enjoys refining her skills working with paper, and fabric conservation and preservation, as well as teaching private painting lessons.

In her art works, **Asya Livshits** paints lively snapshots of joyful moments that fill our lives with smiles and laughter. Whether they are captures of circus performers, accordion players or children enjoying their day at the beach, Livshits' paintings have an uplifting effect and remind us of the often forgotten art of joie de vivre. Asya Livshits is a Philadelphia based artist, who was born in Ukraine, and raised in the the Republic of Georgia. After moving to the United States, she received her MFA in Painting at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She completed an artist residency in Palazzo Rinaldi in Italy, and has continued to develop as an artist by taking classes in landscape painting, printmaking and ceramics. Livshits has had numerous solo shows within the United States and in Russia, and participated in many group shows, including Woodmere Art Museum and Abington Art Center. Her art work is placed in many established private collections in the United States, Russia and France.

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Victoria Koursaros, "Divertire" 12" x 16", oil on wood, 2021



Victoria Koursaros, "Le Duo Masque" 16" x 20", oil on wood, 2021

\$700



Victoria Koursaros, "After the Masquerade" 16" x 20", oil on wood, 2021



Victoria Koursaros, "Signore Maschere" 12' x16", oil on wood, 2021

\$600



Victoria Koursaros, "Watteau en Rouge" 12" x 16", oil on wood, 2021

\$500



Victoria Koursaros, "The Observer" 12" x 12", oil on wood, 2021

\$700

\$500



Victoria Koursaros, "Inspectors" 11" x 14", oil on wood, 2021



Victoria Koursaros, "Divertimente" 12" x 12", oil on wood, 2020

\$450



Victoria Koursaros, "Distant Cousin" 12" x 16", oil on wood, 2020

\$550



Victoria Koursaros, "Interrupted Serenade" 8" x 8", oil on wood, 2021

\$350



Asya Livshits, "Conversation", 11" x 14", oil on wood, 2020



Asya Livshits, "Couple with Accordion" 16" x 20", oil on wood, 2020

\$1,400



Asya Livshits, "Twist" 20" x 16", oil on wood, 2021





Asya Livshits, "Embrace", 12" x 12", oil on wood, 2020

\$700



Asya Livshits, "Fan" 20" x 16", oil on wood, 2021

\$1,400



Asya Livshits, "Ocean City" 12" x 12", oil on wood, 2021

\$620

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Asya Livshits, "Belmar", 12" x 12", oil on wood, 2019



Asya Livshits, "Raft", 12" x 12", oil on wood, 2020

\$620



Asya Livshits, "Jersey Shore" 14" x 11", oil on wood, 2020

\$620



Asya Livshits, "Hanging There" 11" x 14", oil on wood, 2021

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