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2013 Rutsch Award Winner **Siobhan McBride** Solo Exhibition

Exhibition dates:

May 3 – June 29, 2013

Opening Reception and All-Age Art Workshop:

Friday, May 3, 6:30-8:00pm



Left to right: *Fahl*, 2010; *Cold Storage*, 2012; *Atlas*, 2011. Gouache on paper on panel. Images courtesy of the artist.

Siobhan McBride, of Miami, FL, is the winner of the 2013 Alexander Rutsch Award and Solo Exhibition for Painting. This is the seventh year that Pelham Art Center is presenting the biannual award. The jury selected McBride from over 650 applicants from across the country. As the winner, she will receive a \$5,000 cash prize and solo exhibition at Pelham Art Center, May 3 – June 29, 2013.

To mark the opening of McBride's exhibition, Pelham Art Center invites the public to a **free opening reception and all-age art workshop on Friday, May 3, 6:30-8:00pm**. Guests can view the works, meet the artist, and, in the art workshop, experiment with painting.

McBride sees her works as “views of a place where magic reveals itself differently than it does in this world.” She describes them further:

The scenes are tense with anticipation or blushing in the aftermath of an unseen event. Paintings combine disparate yet familiar fragments into spaces that are still, anxious, and temperamental. They are descriptions of awkward



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experiences, passages from books and film fragments, things caught in the corner of my eye, and an attempt to conjure slippery memories. They are, simultaneously, diagrams for understanding events from the past, and puzzles to decode experiences not yet had. I hope the work is strange and suspenseful like the excitement of exploring a new place, and the thrill of knowing you are drifting back into a frightening dream.

Currently residing in Miami, FL, McBride's previous awards include residencies at Roswell Museum and Art Center, Yaddo, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's Workspace program, Vermont Studio Center, and Jentel. She received her MFA in Painting from the University of Pennsylvania in 2005.



Bufflehead and Coots, 2012.
Gouache on paper on panel.

McBride is the seventh winner of the biannual Rutsch Award. She joins the company of previous winners Frank Trankina (2001), Mitchell Marco (2003), Dorothy Robinson (2005), Liang Gao (2007), Tracy Miller (2009), and Nina Rizzo (2011).

About the Rutsch Award

Pelham Art Center is proud to sponsor the competition and award to honor the memory and artistic achievement of Alexander Rutsch (1916 – 1997), an artist who actively supported Pelham Art Center for more than 25 years. After his death, friends and supporters of Alexander Rutsch and his family established a generous and significant fund to support a bi-annual, open, juried competition in painting.

The Alexander Rutsch Award and Solo Exhibition program continues Rutsch's belief that art, like a "stone in the water sending ripples throughout the universe," transcends all of our humanity. His extraordinary work, rich in the celebration of life and our shared human experiences, is included in public and private collections throughout the U.S. and Europe.

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Hours: Tuesday–Friday, 10–5pm; Saturday, 10–4pm

Directions: Located 5 blocks from the Hutchinson Parkway exit 12 and 2 blocks from the Metro North Pelham stop

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