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Subject: FACE TIME Portrait Exhibit and Events

Location: [Greenwich Arts Council](http://www.greenwicharts.com), Bendheim Gallery and Meeting Room, 299 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830; 203-862-6750

Duration: January 13 - February 7, 2019

Cost: Free and Open to the Public Images provided with artist permissions to print.

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***Profile*** by Grace Mehan DeVito inspired by the work of Sue Bryce **Zarzan** by Pamela Ackley

***FACE TIME***: ***Classic Portraiture in a Digital Age*** will be at the Bendheim Gallery, 299 Greenwich Avenue, from January 13 through February 7, 2019. Despite ubiquitous digital photography and selfies, the demand for the work of classically trained portrait artists is increasing. This curated exhibition by The Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists and The Greenwich Arts Council demonstrates why portraiture remains a popular genre. With a large selection of paintings, drawings, and sculptures, this exhibition reveals the variety of styles, media, and approaches conveyed by the contemporary portrait artist.

Please join us for the opening on Sunday January 13, with an interactive "Meet the Masters" Gallery walk. Special guests including Silvermine Arts Center Instructor, Eddie Nino, from 2-2:30. An elegant awards reception follows with refreshments and a live jazz performance by Roni GZB, Jr. from 2:30-4. During the reception, acclaimed portraitist Grace Mehan DeVito will present a live demonstration of painting from life, with guest model, Marcia O'Kane, CEO and President of The Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. FREE and Open to the Public. (Snow date January 20)

There is a special **Children's Portrait Workshop** for ages 8-18 on Saturday, January 26 from 2-3:30, with art educators Deborah Howland-Murray and ShawnaLee Kwashnak. This is a rare opportunity for youth to practice their observation skills while learning the valued art of portraiture from skilled professionals in the field. Pre-registration is necessary to secure limited space and please note the $5 workshop materials fee. (Snow date February 2, 3:30-5)



*The Norman Rockwell Mystery*

Saturday afternoon February 2, from 2 to 3 Presidential Portraitist **John Howard Sanden** will premiere *Unmasking One of the Great Capers in the History of Art Deception.*

 This fully illustrated slideshow tells of a unique episode in the lively history of American illustration art. Free admission, however pre-registration is required.

Gallery schedule, snow dates, event pre-registrations, and additional *Face Time* information is available on [csopa.org](http://www.csopa.org/ft19.html) and [greenwicharts.org](http://www.greenwicharts.org).

Children's Portrait Workshop photo by Deb Howland-Murray

 *Anna* by ShawnaLee Kwashnak

CHILDREN'S PORTRAIT WORKSHOP DETAILED RELEASE:

**January 26, 2019, 2-3:30 -** **Children's Portrait Workshop** at The Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Avenue.

The Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists and The Greenwich Arts Council present a unique opportunity for youth ages 8-18 to learn and experience the art of portraiture. Young people are invited to attend a free workshop to be held on Saturday, January 26th from 2-3:30 at the GAC.  (Snow date February 2, 3:30-5.)

This workshop will be co-taught by portrait artists Deborah Howland-Murray and ShawnaLee Kwashnak (image).   Lessons cover proportions along with valuable insider tips for observing and sketching the portrait.

Participants are asked to bring with them an 8 x 10 black and white photograph head shot of themselves.

Free; however , a $5 materials fee and pre-registration are required to secure limited space on [csopa.org](http://www.csopa.org/ft19.html) and [greenwicharts.org](http://www.greenwicharts.org).

 

The Norman Rockwell Mystery Book Which one is the fake?

  

John Howard Sanden Don Trachte, son of the artist who painted the replica

JOHN HOWARD SANDEN DETAILED PRESS RELEASE:

**The Norman Rockwell Mystery**

*Unmasking One of the Great Capers in the History of Art Deception*

Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 2-3 Presidential Portraitist [John Howard Sanden](http://www.johnhowardsanden.com) will deliver a special presentation at the Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Avenue. This fully illustrated slideshow tells of a unique episode in the lively history of American illustration art — a venture into deception that, for its sheer success, may be without parallel in all of art history. The story involves a masterpiece by America’s favorite artist — the beloved illustrator Norman Rockwell (1894–1978) — and a painted replica of Rockwell’s great picture that, for a period of three years, completely fooled the museum experts, the publishers of scholarly journals, and the famous artist’s devoted public.

The triumphant success of the hoax was almost total. Even the owners of the great painting, who had cherished it in their home for forty years, were unaware that, when they allowed the painting to be included in an important national exhibition, they were exhibiting a fraud.

You will see John Sanden’s unique role in solving the mystery, watch as the great painting is finally found (after being hidden away for more than thirty years), and sold at Sotheby’s for fifteen million dollars.

Q&A follows with Mr. Sanden and special guest Don Trachte, son of the artist who painted the replica. Free admission, however pre-registration is required on [csopa.org](http://www.csopa.org/ft19.html) and [greenwicharts.org](http://www.greenwicharts.org).

SHORT RELEASES:

**January 13, 2019 -** ***FACE TIME***: ***Classic Portraiture in a Digital Age*** at the Bendheim Gallery , 299 Greenwich Avenue . "Meet the Masters" and gallery walk 2-2:30, opening reception, live portrait demo, and jazz piano 2:30-4. Free admission. Exhibition on view through February 7, 2019. Info on [csopa.org](http://www.csopa.org/ft19.html) and [greenwicharts.org](http://www.greenwicharts.org).

**January 26, 2019, 2-3:30 -** **Children's Portrait Workshop** for ages 8-18 at The Greenwich Arts Council 299 Greenwich Avenue. $5 materials fee and pre-registration are required to secure limited space. Info on [csopa.org](http://www.csopa.org/ft19.html) and [greenwicharts.org](http://www.greenwicharts.org).

**February 2, 2019, 2-3** at The Greenwich Arts Council 299 Greenwich Avenue, Presidential Portraitist **John Howard Sanden** presents **The Norman Rockwell Mystery** *Unmasking One of the Great Capers in the History of Art Deception.* Free. Pre-registration required to secure limited space. Info on [csopa.org](http://www.csopa.org/ft19.html) and [greenwicharts.org](http://www.greenwicharts.org).

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***John Howard Sanden***

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 Don Trachte

Face Time Exhibition 42 Participating Artists

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| Pamela | Ackley | New Canaan | CT |
| Alfonsina  | Betancourt | Norwalk | CT |
| Shay | Blum | Ocean | NJ |
| Paige  | Bradley | Riverside | CT |
| Lisa  | Burns | Wilton | CT |
| Wende | Caporale | North Salem | NY |
| Anastasiya  | Chybireva-Fender | Flower Mound | TX |
| Michel | Delafontaine | Rye Brook | NY |
| Connie  | Freid | Yonkers  | NY |
| Letizia  | Gentile | Larchmont | NY |
| Cynthia | Gillette | Woodbury | CT |
| Scott | Glaser | Westport | CT |
| Joan Elizabeth | Goodman | New York | NY |
| Colleen | Hains | Norwalk | CT |
| Deborah  | Howland-Murray | Westport | CT |
| Jeanine | Jackson | Greenwich | CT |
| Shiva | Jlayer | New Rochelle | NY |
| Tricia  | Kaman | Chagrin Falls | OH |
| Flladi | KULLA | Middlebury | CT |
| Shawnalee | Kwashnak | Middlebury | CT |
| Liz Jorg | Masi | Smithtown | NY |
| Barbara  | Mathis | Stamford | CT |
| Luis de | Mena | Rye | NY |
| Nicole | Moné | Ossining | NY |
| Steven | Parton | Westport | CT |
| Alain | Picard | Southbury | CT |
| Gail  | Postal | New York | NY |
| John | Sanden | Ridgefield | CT |
| Jill | Sarver | Bridgeport | CT |
| Peter  | Seltzer | Woodbury | CT |
| Barbara  | Simonson  | Darien | CT |
| Nancy  | Stember  | Norwalk | CT |
| Joseph  | Sundwall | Montgomery | NY |
| John | Sweeney | Hamden | CT |
| Candace  | Taubner | Pelham Manor | NY |
| Kathleen  | Ullman  | Westhampton | NY |
| Cindy | Wagner | Weston | CT |
| Robert | Whelan | Valatie | NY |
| Richard  | White | Coventry | CT |
| Joyce  | Zeller | Harrison | NY |