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JUNE SILVERBERG: *On Water and On Land*

June 17-21, 2025

Reception: Thursday, June 19th, 5pm-8pm

With conversation and remembrances of the artist at 6:30 pm

Bowery Gallery is pleased to present a pop-up exhibit, “**June Silverberg: *On Water and On Land*.”** The exhibition will remain on view from June 17 to June 21, 2025, at the gallery. An opening reception will be held at the gallery on Thursday, June 19th from 5pm to 8pm, with conversation and remembrances of the artist at 6:30pm.

This exhibition memorializes the work of a longtime Bowery Gallery artist member who died in June 2024 at the age of 90. A native of Brooklyn, June Silverberg studied with well-known New York painters at Brooklyn College in the 1950s, and went on to work with Josef Albers at Yale; later, she also attended the Art Students League and Pratt Institute. From this rather eclectic training, Silverberg came to the commitment to perceptual painting and embrace of the foundations of modernism that she shared with the Bowery Gallery artists; and in 1979 she was voted into the gallery as a member. In 1983, she mounted her first solo show at the Bowery Gallery.

In the next decades, Silverberg maintained a small studio in a building on Union Square East in Manhattan. When this studio was being cleared by friends of the artist after her death, they found her life’s work—including a large cache of paintings and drawings on paper. A selection of these works on paper, along with a group of small oils on canvas, comprise the current exhibition.

Silverberg seems to have found her favorite themes locally--the urbanscape of the East River and the urbanscape of buildings and rooftops in the artist’s Manhattan neighborhood. Over and over, in all sorts of weather, at different times of day, in oil pastel, pastel and charcoal on formats ranging from the small horizontal pages of her sketchbooks to oversized rectangles of rag paper, Silverberg depicted her neighborhood on the river and on land. In these works on paper Silverberg succeeds in convincing the viewer of the poetry and pulse of these corners of the city where she lived her whole life.

Although Silverberg gave up her membership in the Bowery Gallery more than a decade ago, she continued to come to all the shows and to engage with the artists of the gallery—her community. Bowery Gallery remembers her, and salutes this serious and dedicated artist.

About Bowery Gallery:

Founded in 1969, Bowery Gallery has been showing contemporary art of the highest quality for more than six decades. Bowery Gallery is a cooperative, founded by artists and directed by the collective decision making of its member artists. From its beginnings, Bowery Gallery has been a force for the expansion of art's traditions in a venue unconstrained by commercial pressures. Named after its original location, Bowery Gallery is now located in the heart of the Chelsea art district.

Gallery hours are 11am to 6pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, please contact the gallery at 646-230-6655 or info@bowerygallery.org