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Pueblo Artist Frances Dodd Joins Hunter-Wolff Gallery

Colorado Springs, May 3 — Acclaimed Artist Frances Dodd, a Colorado artist and workshop teacher joins Hunter-Wolff Gallery and makes her debut on May 1 unveiling her figurative and landscape collection “Color Me Beautiful”. Originally from New York, Dodd came to Colorado in 1983 and has enjoyed an exciting career for nearly thirty years throughout the southwest and across the United States.

Each year gallery owner Sharon Wolff brings one or two new artists into her gallery to mix-it-up for art-lovers. She said, “I’ve been drooling over Fran Dodd’s work for a long time. She is exceptional and it is easy to see why she is the recipient of so many honors including the International Association of Pastel Societies’ Masters Circle. She has had a stellar career for three decades, belongs to almost every important national and international art society, and participated in more invitationals than we can count. Her work provides a perfect complement to the gallery’s more traditional collection and we are excited to unveil her “Color Me Beautiful” exhibition.”

“My work has seen many changes over the course of my career, both in style and direction, but the constant has always been my passion for color. I’m delighted to join Hunter-Wolff Gallery and to exhibit my work next to some of the best artists in Colorado,” says Dodd.

Dodd studied at The Art Students League in New York City where she resided for more than 25 years. After being one of the first women artists elected to membership in the prestigious Salmagundi Club, the oldest professional artists’ organization in America, she was invited for solo exhibits in 1981 and 1982. Dodd’s career quickly gained momentum. Today her works are among important corporate-owned collections, such as Forbes Magazine; MCI Telecommunications Corp.; American West Airlines; Rio Grande Museum, Del Norte, CO; Colorado Historical Society; Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, Pueblo, CO; Parkview Hospital, Pueblo, CO; Community Banks of Southern Colorado and other noted corporate and private collections around the globe.

Dodd is one of those rare multi-talented, versatile artists who freely moves from oil to pastel and across genres with ease. Collectors often comment on the motion and light that seem to dance across her canvas yet it is her bold use of color that captures ones immediate attention. Some artists paint “things” but Dodd is a painter who captures the character of a person, the feel of a place and the dramatic effect of light and shadow among “things”. Regardless of her medium, she fills her canvas with bold expression and lush color relationships. She typically starts her journey by working either in plein air or in her studio from a black and white reference photo to ensure her freedom of exploring surprising color choices. Dodd’s paintings range between \$600 and \$8000.

The public is invited to Hunter-Wolff Gallery’s Opening Reception featuring Fran Dodd on Friday, May 7 from 5-8 pm. Her collection series “Color Me Beautiful” will be unveiled for the first time at Hunter-Wolff Gallery located at 2510 W. Colorado Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, and select pieces can be viewed at www.hunterwolffgallery.com. Contact 719-520-9494 for details.