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EXPLORE “THE WORLD OF JUDITH GWYN BROWN” IN GREENWICH THIS WINTER

*First exhibition of the artist’s signature “New York Series”
plus other works to be held in Greenwich Arts Council’s Bendheim Gallery, Jan. 11 – Feb. 12*

New York, NY (Jan. 9, 2012) – For the first time ever, New York artist Judith Gwyn Brown will be exhibiting “The New York Series,” ten framed oil-on-canvas paintings that tell the stories of New York City in an unparalleled and personal way, at the Greenwich Arts Council’s Bendheim Gallery in Greenwich, Conn., Jan. 11 – Feb. 12. This signature collection, which has never before been shown as a group, is part of “The World of Judith Gwyn Brown,” 30 works that Curator L. Tatiana Mori says “demonstrate the artist’s ability to assert symbolic content.”

An opening reception is scheduled for Thurs., Jan. 12, from 6 – 8 p.m. A conversation with the artist will be held at 6:45 p.m.

Brown is a renowned painter of men and women moving through the light, space and the shadows of intimate and mysterious settings. Her paintings and drawings are in permanent collections of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and The Morgan Library in New York; The Boston Public Library; The Huntington Library in California, and university collections across the country. She also has exhibited in “Art to the Avenue,” the Greenwich Arts Council’s annual spring celebration that turns Greenwich into a strolling art gallery by bringing contemporary artists to downtown store windows through the month of May.

With a deep appreciation of New York City in its many guises, Brown has created “The New York Series” as a unique opportunity for investors in fine art. Investors who choose to support this work are encouraged to purchase the series (rather than individual paintings), with the intention of displaying them in the permanent collection of a museum, university or library for public viewing and enjoyment. The initial offering price is \$150,000.

Among the other original framed oil paintings that Brown will show in “The World of Judith Gwyn Brown” are “Memories in the Studio with Cherry Blossoms,” “Under the Sea,” “Fountain in the Park,” “Flowers at the Window” and “Skyline in the Elevator.” These pieces are for sale by calling The Greenwich Arts Council, 203-862-6750.

As an adjunct to the paintings and drawings for sale, Brown is offering commissioned pet portraits and is displaying examples loaned by local pet owners. Not only will animal lovers have an opportunity to commission for their own a beautiful portrait of the creature they cherish that is a work of fine art, they'll be helping to improve the lives of dogs and cats, for Brown offers a portion of the proceeds of those commissions to P.A.W.S. of the Vineyard, the all-volunteer, not-for-profit Pet Adoption and Welfare Service of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Funds generated by Brown's pet portraits support a spay/neuter program with Vineyard veterinarians.

"It's a great pleasure to showcase the works of Judith Gwyn Brown at The Bendheim Gallery," concluded Mori. "Ms. Brown employs depth and perspective to entice the viewer and tell a story. Seeing her paintings and drawings here is a great way to brighten up the winter."

The Bendheim Gallery is on the second floor of 299 Greenwich Avenue in Greenwich, Conn. Municipal parking is conveniently located across the street. The gallery also is a short walk from the MetroNorth station in Greenwich. Admission is free and the galleries are handicapped accessible. Hours are Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm; Sat-Sun: noon - 4pm. Directions and more information on the Greenwich Arts Council and The Bendheim Gallery can be found at www.greenwicharts.org.

Please visit www.judithgwynbrownstudio.com for additional background on Judith Gwyn Brown.

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About Judith Gwyn Brown

Judith Gwyn Brown is a distinguished artist and illustrator. She has illustrated more than 40 books, publishing with Harper, Doubleday, Atheneum, Scribner, Houghton Mifflin and Random House, etc. and has written and illustrated six books for children. The New York Public Library has presented her work in a one-person show. Her work also is represented in the permanent collections of many prominent universities, libraries and New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as the private collections of Author Mary Higgins Clark and Actress Julie Andrews, among others. Brown studied at Manhattan's High School of Music and Art, Parsons The New School for Design, and The Cooper Union. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts from New York University and has been listed in *Who's Who of American Art and Contemporary Authors*. Please visit www.judithgwynbrownstudio.com for an artist's statement and more information.

About The Greenwich Arts Council

The Greenwich Arts Council promotes the arts by nurturing artists and building audiences, bringing the arts to the community and the community to the arts. The goal of The Greenwich Arts Council is to encourage individual creativity and to broaden community participation in, appreciation of, and support for the visual, performing and literary arts. To support The Greenwich Arts Council or for more information on upcoming events, please visit www.greenwicharts.org.