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### ***Cross Currents: The Art of Barbara Bilotta Opens at the Art League of Long Island August 9***



L to R: "A Fine Balance of Color"; "Coming of Age" acrylic and resin by Barbara Bilotta

An exhibition of large, dynamic works by Abstract Expressionist Barbara Bilotta will be on display in the Art League of Long Island's Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery August 9 through August 24. In *Cross Currents*, Ms. Bilotta's use of acrylic paint and resin immerses the viewer into her work, evoking a sense of spectator becoming part of the painting. Ms. Bilotta has won numerous awards for her work and is represented in galleries throughout the country. She most recently showed her work at the prestigious ArtHamptons, the annual International Contemporary and Modern Fine Art Fair held every July at Bridgehampton's Nova's Ark Sculpture Fields. A reception will take place Sunday, August 10 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

"I consider myself an Abstract Expressionist. There is an elemental strength in my images that grounds them, setting up a contrast with the dynamic use of colors and shapes. My goal is to transform the natural order into a suggestive interpretation to stimulate the imagination. Much of my interpretation is rooted in my color palette. I love everything that is brilliant and incredible and I attempt to incorporate it into my work. One of my goals is to bring out a beautiful interplay of light and shadows, and it is this which gives my images a palpable sense of physicality, even at their most abstract.

The surface of my paintings is also the result of an intriguing contrast. I work mostly in acrylics glazed with resin, and the acrylic's softness and the resin's hardness combine to create a "charged atmospheric space" in which the viewer is made to feel the movement of the paint."

.... Barbara Bilotta

The Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery is open free of charge Monday through Thursday 9am – 9pm, Friday 9am – 4pm and weekends from 11am – 4pm. The Art League is located at 107 East Deer Park Road in Dix Hills. For additional information about the exhibition call (631) 462-5400 or visit [www.artleagueli.org](http://www.artleagueli.org).