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FRANCOISE GILOT'S ART COMING TO GALLERY M

GALLERY M in Cherry Creek North announces a selling exhibition of international artist Francoise Gilot's abstract drawings, colorful oils, lithographs and intricate gouaches. These prized artworks from a private collection date back to 1958. The upcoming exhibit July 1 - September 30, 2004, will showcase Gilot's creative use of a variety of media and themes.

Artist, author and poet, Francoise Gilot, is a vital presence in the art world. She has exhibited her work for more than 50 years in the major art centers of Europe and North America. Known for a decade-long relationship with Pablo Picasso, Gilot was influenced by other legendary artists in his circle including Braque, Giacometti and Matisse. Establishing her own individual style, her work created a bridge between the School of Paris of the 1940s and '50s and the contemporary American art scene.

While living with Picasso, Gilot had two children, Claude and Paloma, an artist known for her jewelry design. Later, Gilot married Luc Simon and had a second daughter Aurelia, who appears as the subject of two of the paintings to be shown at GALLERY M. Later in life, Gilot married Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the polio vaccine. Now in her early eighties, Gilot continues to paint at her studios on the east coast and in Paris.

The following museums have Gilot's work in their permanent collections: Musee Picasso in Antibes, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, Musee de Tel Aviv in Israel, the Women's Museum in Washington D.C. and Bibliotheque Nationale and Musee d'art Moderne in Paris. Gilot is the author of several books including *Life with Picasso*, written with Carlton Lake. She received the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, the French government's highest honor, for her work as a painter, writer and feminist.

In 1968, Gilot traveled to the United States for an exhibition of her gouaches and other works on paper. Louise Porcelli, owner of Galleria Luisa in Grand Rapids, Michigan met Gilot and exhibited her art in 1972 and 1973. These works are on exhibit and for sale at GALLERY M. Gilot's official archivist registered the signed artworks in 2003.

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Photos of the artwork and the artist are available upon request.