

# 'NIGHT and DAY'

Colleen McGuire

PRESS RELEASE



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**Standard Space** is pleased to present painter and neighbor, Colleen McGuire in her exhibition, '**NIGHT and DAY**'. Opening Reception: **Saturday, September 2nd from 4:30 - 7:30pm.**

From a distance, by sunlight and moonlight, Colleen has been documenting our community through its streets and buildings. Sometimes we see her, wave or honk. While her Plein Air practice may be considered elegant in its simplicity it is McGuire's reduction through observation that this community we call home becomes something bigger, an American ideal existing in the roots of American art (like Hopper or Wyeth). Her paintings are intimate and personal, a direct and visceral connection to our town, but ultimately reflect communal recollections of a wider 'New England,' a glimmer of late afternoon towns that only exist in our memories.

Colleen describes her approach below:

*"I see my paintings as a visual record of places I encounter throughout my day, with the intention of capturing sensations of light and space. I am drawn to architecture and nature, different times of day, and the seasons. Finding motifs in surroundings that are familiar to me allows me to examine them deeply, with the hope of capturing the experience of seeing through the materiality of paint.*

*My practice involves working from observation and exploring the formal and physical possibilities of oil paint. I paint on wood or Masonite, which allows for reworking, scraping and layering. I'm interested in the process of perception and the way paint is transformed on a painted surface through the act of seeing and responding to my environment."*

2023, Colleen McGuire

See you at the reception, Theo

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