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THE LOFT ARTISTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS "VISION/S"

OUR ANNUAL NEW MEMBER EXHIBIT FEATURING THE WORK OF HASNAT MEHMOOD AND SUZANNA SCHLEMM

February 18 - March 12, 2023

Opening Reception, Saturday, February 18, 4-6 p.m.

Loft Gallery 575 Pacific Street

Gallery open Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 p.m.

The Loft Artists Association is pleased to announce our annual new member exhibit titled, Vision/s, featuring the work Hasnat Mehmood and Suzanna Schlemm, February 18 through March 12, 2023, with an Opening Reception on Saturday, February 18, from 4-6 p.m.

"This exhibit brings together the work of two very talented and diverse artists," stated Director Mark Macrides. "We are thrilled to have Suzanna and Hasnat as our newest members of the LAA. Their work presents a unique opportunity to experience two very imaginative, yet very distinct creative processes."

Suzanna Schlemm is a realist painter working from observation of the world, both outside and inside. Originally from Brazil, she is currently based in Darien, CT, and New York City. "The process of painting, for me, is parallel to living it is constantly happening on the side, even when I am not in front of the canvas. The images that I use in my paintings surface in my mind, arising from a much deeper place."

Hasnat Mehmood is a visual artist trained in miniature painting. Born in Jhelum Pakistan, he received his training from the National College of the Arts. Having established a strong foundation in miniature painting for a while, his work has since flowed into other mediums, including installations, mixed media, collages and drawings. He has shown his work in exhibitions all over Europe and Asia.

The Loft Artists Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing artists with a supportive environment and opportunities to exhibit our work, while reaching out to the community at large with education and artistic expression, as well as collaborative projects. Since 1978, our grassroots events have attracted thousands of visitors throughout the tristate area. The LAA is widely recognized by city and state funding

agencies, as well as corporate and private sponsors. This exhibit is partially funded by the Stamford Arts and Culture Grant and the CT Humanities Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant.

The Loft Gallery is open Saturday and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For directions and more information visit <u>loftartists.org</u>.