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Levitations: Horsing Around — Carole Bolsey South Shore Art Center Exhibition

Cohasset, MA— Kingston artist Carole Bolsey will be showing her paintings of horses at South Shore Art Center, **opening from 6-8 pm on Friday, February 22, 2013**. The exhibition is entitled “Levitations: Horsing Around.”

From her artist statement, Bolsey describes her paintings as “painterly abstractions with recognizable objects in them.” Sometimes these objects are barns with strong light casting shadows on land, sometimes boats, light, reflections, nothing. In this series the objects are horses, space, and gerunds: words ending in –ing indicating actions or states of being, as in “being.” As in Standing, Grazing, Wading, and, in this series, Levitating.

These works aren’t “about” horses. They’re “of” horses. And space, and movement. And drawing and paint. Without narratives, they’re “riffs” on horses, creatures being themselves---unbridled, unsaddled, unriden, and apparently untrained. Too wild or too young to behave. Jumping straight into the air, all their power bunched into a jump for no reason, a kind of weighty flight; high jinks. Horsing around.

Bolsey says in her artist statement: “The first idea for a levitating horse came to me in a photograph: a horse is in mid-air, jumping hard and mean to throw a rider whom he is dragging by a foot caught in the stirrup, a man in a world of hurt. But I stripped away the gear and entanglements, and along with them, the narrative, to find the wondrous deed---the levitation, pure and simple. Hence, *High Horse*.”

Also on view at the Art Center will be work by SSAC Gallery Artists in a show entitled “Afield: Artists on the Road” with Bob Avakian, Susan Scavo Gallagher, Ann Guiliiani, Jack Haran and Michael Weymouth. The Faculty Feature is Stephanie Grenadier. All of the exhibitions open on Friday, February 22 at 6pm.

South Shore Art Center is open Monday through Saturday, 10 am-4 pm and Sunday, Noon-4 pm. For more information, visit www.ssac.org.

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