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***Paint on Pointe***

***Karin Bruckner, Amber George, Allison Green,  
Rachelle Krieger, Liane Ricci and Liz Rundorff Smith***

May 6 – 20 2021

46 W 90<sup>th</sup> St, Floor 2, New York, NY 10024



Open by appointment only

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Susan Eley Fine Art is pleased to host *Paint on Pointe*—marrying classical ballet with contemporary art—to raise money for New York City’s Ellison Ballet. The exhibition, comprised of painted pointe shoes accompanied by statements and photographs of the young dancers who wore them, will be on view in the Main Gallery in our Upper West Side location from May 6 – 20, 2021.

The gallery selected six of its own artists to pair with six Ellison Ballet - Professional Training Program students. A union of pointe shoes and paint, each dancer donated a pair of well-worn pointe shoes to her artist partner. With no stylistic or technical restrictions, the artists employed genres of sculpture, painting, drawing and printmaking to create unique artworks. The stunning and fantastical results range from Karin Bruckner’s sculptural bouquet, utilizing the footless shoes as a vase to Liane Ricci’s colorful, sequined shoes in rainbow hues of purple and green.

Each creation will be displayed alongside a portrait of the dancer who plied and pirouetted in the shoes and several paintings by the respective artists. Money raised from the sale of the shoes and paintings will be donated to the Ellison Ballet Scholarship Fund.

To view the exhibition, please contact [emily@susaneleyfineart.com](mailto:emily@susaneleyfineart.com) or [diane@ellisonballet.org](mailto:diane@ellisonballet.org) to schedule a private appointment. SEFA and Ellison will be hosting a special virtual event with the artists and dancers. Details to follow.

### **SEFA Artists and their Dancers**

Karin Bruckner and Maya Read  
Amber George and Isabella Long  
Allison Green and Liepa Mikaliunaite  
Rachelle Krieger and Noelle Burtschi  
Liane Ricci and Emmi Yokoi  
Liz Rundorff Smith and Chiara Soltani

### **ABOUT ELLISON BALLETT**

Founded in 2005 by world-renowned ballet master Edward Ellison, Ellison Ballet is an award-winning year-round, full-day training program designed to meet the needs of talented, dedicated students (ages 12-19) who seek the very highest standards of classical ballet training. This unique Russian/Vaganova-based training offers every opportunity for gifted young dancers to explore and discover their greatest individual artistic potential in preparation for a successful career in dance, with nearly 100% of its graduates obtaining professional company contracts and receiving numerous top prizes at international ballet competitions. Ellison Ballet's dedicated Scholarship Fund allows talented students in need to receive the training necessary to become successful professional dancers.

### **ABOUT SUSAN ELEY FINE ART**

Susan Eley Fine Art (SEFA) was founded in 2006 by Susan Eisner Eley, who continues her tenure as owner and director at the gallery's original location in NYC—as well as its new venue in downtown Hudson in Upstate New York. Conceived as a salon-style gallery, SEFA NYC is situated in an Upper West Side townhouse in Manhattan. SEFA hosts a dynamic roster of American and international artists, and focuses on contemporary art by emerging and mid-career artists, who work in a range of media—encompassing painting, printmaking, sculpture and photography.