



Sue Ellen Leys

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Sue Ellen Leys is a NJ born painter who began exploring the visual and performing arts growing up in Memphis, TN and metropolitan New Jersey, where she now resides. A BFA from Washington University in St. Louis led to a career in fashion design, styling, and costume design for theater in Los Angeles, New York City, regionally and the UK.

She has exhibited her paintings in about 40 solo and group shows, in spaces ranging from galleries and libraries to corporate atriums, beginning with gouache costume illustrations in 1991, followed by oil, and most recently encaustic paintings of small figurative groupings inspired by her candid photography of people celebrating art, music, and style.

Encaustic is an ancient process-oriented method of painting with pigmented beeswax heated on a hot palette, and then fused. "I am more interested in gesture than an exact likeness, and in clothing as an extension of the character."



On Display at Aqua Miami

Coney Island Sea Clowns
12 x 12 inches
encaustic painting on cradled wood panel
2024
\$2,400

Sue Ellen Leys available works - Gallery 14C



Asbury Surf Mosh Pit 10 x10 inches Encaustic on panel 2018 \$1,900



First Fridays #2 12 x 12 inches Encaustic on panel 2018 \$2,000



Boxcar Mischief Night #2 12 x 12 inches Encaustic on panel 2017 \$2,000