



HUNT SLONEM: *BUNNIES, BUTTERFLIES AND BIRDS*

July 25 – August 5, 2014

Artist's Reception: Friday, July 25, 2014, 5 - 8PM

ARC Fine Art is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibition HUNT SLONEM *Bunnies, Butterflies and Birds* on view in its Amagansett gallery from Friday, July 25th through August 5th. Coinciding with the artist's opening on Friday, July 25 from 5 to 8 pm will be a book signing of Slonem's most recent monograph *Bunnies*, published by Glitterati, featuring a foreword by John Berendt and an essay by Bruce Helander. Following its inaugural exhibition, which opened on June 28th, HUNT SLONEM *Bunnies, Butterflies and Birds* will be the first solo exhibition at the Amagansett location of ARC Fine Art, a contemporary art gallery established in Fairfield, Connecticut in 2009.

Hunt Slonem is an internationally recognized American painter, sculptor and printmaker. His work has been exhibited in more than 350 galleries and museums worldwide and is represented in more than 100 museums, including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Solomon R. Guggenheim and The Whitney Museum of Art. Slonem has received numerous honors and awards, including a MacDowell Fellowship and a National Endowment for the Arts grant. He lives in New York City and Louisiana, where he has restored two historically important plantations.

Slonem is best known for his Neo-Expressionist paintings of tropical birds. The current exhibition is comprised of approximately eighteen new oil paintings, including eight of his wildly popular, single bunny portraits executed in a host of brilliant hues. An avid furniture and decorative arts collector himself, Slonem passionately seeks out antique frames, which he selects to enhance the expression of each bunny. These marvelous frames are often the starting points for his paintings. In addition to his bunny portraits, the exhibition will include a beautiful selection of jewel-toned butterfly and bird paintings as well as a few of Slonem's signature black and white depictions of groups of rabbits, executed with an economy of line and fluidity of hand.

Slonem's newest monograph, *Bunnies* is a treasury of enchanting paintings that are at once pop culture and fine art. Published by Glitterati, this sumptuous, 14 x 11 inch hardcover with 180 images includes an extensive selection of Slonem's famous bunny paintings and is a work of art in itself. In the book's foreword, John Berendt writes, "Every morning, upon rising—even before he's had his first cup—Hunt panels awaits. Some of the panels are made of wood, some of Masonite. In the course of the next half hour he will have populated all the panels with rabbits. These paintings are what he calls his warm-ups."

ARC Fine Art LLC is located at 303 Main Street in Amagansett, NY and is open Thursday through Monday from 10am to 6pm. Further inquiries, please contact Adrienne Ruger Conzelman at 203 895 9595.