

For Immediate Release: New York – July 25, 2013

Elisa Contemporary Art presents *Becoming*, the first New York City solo exhibit of Connecticut Figurative artist, Daryl Zang. The exhibit will be held in the public art space at Saint Peter's Church in New York -- 619 Lexington Avenue (at 54th Street). The exhibit will open on August 27th and run through October 10th. An artist reception will take place on Thursday, September 12 from 6-8pm.

Daryl Zang's art communicates the universal stories of women -- the teacher and temptress, protector and provider, nurturer and needy. They are moments of pure selflessness, and others of self-absorption. While based on her own personal experiences, Daryl's work touches on universal truths of women everywhere...shared around the world and passed down from generation to generation. In *Becoming*, there are captured moments filled with doubt, longing, deep sorrow. Others exuding maternal instincts, selflessness, pure joy and letting go.

According to Daryl: *"Women's lives are so multifaceted that the potential for subject matter is seemingly endless. There are themes common to all of us which are simply human."*

As Daryl has grown and changed over time, her work has evolved as well. As a young woman, she painted about loss, pregnancy and the early stages of motherhood, sharing the uncertainty, isolation, and exhaustion as well as the tenderness. As her children have grown, she found inspiration in their discoveries and wonder in all they taught her.

The exhibit will include several new works including *"Cared For,"* which was inspired by the simple task of washing hands. According to Daryl, *"This painting's imagery serves as a reminder of what and who is important. I am supposed to be my children's teacher and caregiver, but I find that I often need them...They reset the pace at which I sometimes race through life. Tuning myself in to their innocence and simple rhythms, 'cleanses' me of the (adult) stresses and brings me back into balance."*

Strong hands are a constant theme throughout Daryl's work. They shed light on how women have worked tirelessly to create life and, whether physically or metaphorically, to build a home. They also represent the sacred space which at times creates, holds and nurtures, and then releases.

This special solo exhibit celebrates the universal moments of Women everywhere. Meet the artist, Daryl Zang on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

A portion of all gallery sales by Elisa Contemporary Art are donated to charities helping children heal through art. For this exhibit, a portion of sales will be donated back to selected charities including The EverWonder Children's Museum.

**What:** *Becoming*. A solo exhibit of Connecticut artist, Ms. Daryl Zang

**When:** August 27 – October 10, 2013

**Special Events:**

**A Special Reception with Artist, Daryl Zang Thursday, September 12th 6-8pm**

**Where:** Saint Peter's Church, Narthex Gallery, 619 Lexington Avenue (Entrance on 54th Street btw. Lexington and Third Avenues), New York, NY 10022.

**Hours:** Daily 8:00 am – 9pm *The Church building sometimes closes early. Call 212-935-2200 for exact closing times*

### **About Daryl Zang**

Daryl Zang's paintings reflect some of the simple pleasures of childhood, family and home.

According to Daryl, *"I create paintings that reflect my own situation but in doing so address the unique challenges that many women face. The emotional ups and downs of my life are the inspiration for my work. I know I have been successful when a viewer realizes they are not alone with these feelings. The stories of personal triumph and tragedy that my work often elicits validate my belief in my work. Those connections are incredibly gratifying and fuel my enthusiasm."*

Daryl earned her BFA at Syracuse University and pursued additional studies in Florence Italy. Her work has been exhibited at Michele & Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Art in Springfield, Massachusetts, the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual National Exhibition of Contemporary Realism in Art (MA) and recent group shows in New York and Connecticut. This is the first solo exhibit of Daryl Zang in New York.

### **About Elisa Contemporary Art**

Elisa Contemporary Art represents a portfolio of both emerging and established contemporary artists, many of whom have work in the permanent collections of major museums and corporations.

Founded in 2007 by Lisa Cooper, Elisa Contemporary Art is dedicated to promoting the appreciation and collection of art as a way to enrich and heal our lives, our communities, and the world. The gallery opened in September 2008. Elisa Contemporary Art participates in international art fairs in New York, Miami and the Hamptons, and has curated over 12 public art exhibits in the Tri-State area. A portion of every gallery sale is donated to charities helping underserved children heal through art. We currently support Free Arts NYC, Arts to Grow and Art Therapy Outreach Center. For this exhibit, gallery donations will be made select organizations including the Everwonder Children's Museum. Owner Lisa Cooper also provides art consulting services.

Elisa Contemporary Art has been featured in a number of publications including Ocean Home Magazine, Hamptons Cottages & Gardens, New York Spaces, American Art Collector and The New York Times. In 2013, the gallery also worked with several interior designers at the Designer Showhouse in Westchester.

For more information, visit the website at [www.ElisaContemporaryArt.com](http://www.ElisaContemporaryArt.com). The Riverdale Gallery is located at 5622 Mosholu Avenue, Riverdale NY 10471.

### **About Saint Peter's Church**

Saint Peter's Church, a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a New York arts and cultural center. Fostering the creative and performing arts is one of the longest continuous mission commitments of Saint Peter's Church. Today, it is the home of major works by Dale Chihuly, Louise Nevelson, Arnaldo Pomodoro and Kiki Smith, and host to numerous jazz concerts and the York Theater Company. Saint Peter's Church is located at 619 Lexington Avenue (entrance on 54th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues), New York, NY. General hours: daily 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. *The Church building sometimes closes early. Call 212-935-2200 for exact closing times.*

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