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Speciesism: P Street Gallerie's Latest Exhibition, Featuring Artist Dana Ellyn

(Washington, DC – October 22, 2015) Georgetown's P Street Gallerie is delighted to host artist Dana Ellyn's latest exhibition, *Speciesism*, featuring a series of Ellyn's paintings exploring humans' complicated and often contradictory relationship with animals.

Ellyn is the artist behind some of the most popular and thought provoking paintings related to animal rights and veganism. Her work has garnered international attention and multiple awards, and has recently been featured by PETA.

The *Speciesism* series, rendered in a style Ellyn describes as a battle between her technical training and her desire to infuse every painting with emotion and meaning, revolves around the question that animates many of her animal-themed paintings: *Why do we love some animals and eat others?*

The result is a challenging, provocative and irreverent collection that can spark a range of sometimes surprising reactions. "I've dabbled in a lot of different subject matters, many of them controversial," said Ellyn, who has been a vegetarian for 15 years. "Especially those touchy subjects you're not supposed to discuss at a dinner party: religion, politics, divorce, not wanting kids, etc. When I began to really focus on creating vegan-themed paintings, I thought I was venturing into less controversial territory. I was definitely wrong."

Speciesism will run from October 30 - December 4, 2015 at P Street Gallerie -3235 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20007. An invitation-only discussion with the artist will be hosted on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 6 PM - 8 PM. The opening reception is open to the public and will be held on Friday, October 30, 2015 from 6 PM - 8 PM.

P Street Gallerie owner Lisa C. Brown is a California native who has had a passion for art and its unique capacity to transcend the bounds of culture, geography and socioeconomic status to uplift and transform those who experience it. *P Street Gallerie* is the fulfillment of her dream of opening an art gallery. At *P Street Gallerie* - previously home to another art gallery for more than 30 years - Brown brings the talents and inspiration of a diverse mix of local and national emerging artists to D.C. art enthusiasts and novices alike.

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