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ARTIST COMPLETING 20-YEAR QUEST TO PAINT ALL THE WORLD'S OCEANS One Artist Five Oceans Seeks to Communicate, through Formalism, the Importance of the World's Oceans to Humanity

LOS ANGELES, CA, Jan 11, 2019 – Danielle Eubank, a Los Angeles-based painter dedicated to painting bodies of water across the world, has announced that in 2019, she will complete her 20-year quest of painting all five major bodies of water on Earth, and may be the first person to sail and paint every ocean.

She is a recipient of the Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant and was nominated for the 2018 Creative Climate Awards in New York.

Her oil on linen paintings of the oceans are formal explorations of the relationships between realism and abstraction. The paintings invite the viewer to create their own ideas and visions of water from different perspectives. Looking at water from different parts of the world, Eubank deconstructs its form into separate abstract stacks of textures, shapes, and colors.

Art critic Peter Frank provide insight into Eubank's work: "She infects us with her fascination, not simply by depending on water's inherent ability to mesmerize us but by amplifying that ability with slyly applied painterly skills."

Eubank has been an expedition artist aboard three international sailing expeditions across four of Earth's five oceans.

"I think of the paintings as emotive portraits of the bodies of water, which, like people, are both all the same and all different and that's why it's important to me to sail these seas and sketch them from life so that I can *really closely observe* them," Says Eubank.

"The undertaking of the voyages themselves are a performative, experiential aspect of her overall practice and commitment to working on site." says art critic Shana Nys Dambrot. "Over the years since starting this project, Eubank has discovered untold variations of color, surface, motion, geography, atmosphere, reflection, and other kinds of formal nuances–variations which absolutely manifest in the works and thus edge the abstraction back toward the landscape."

Eubank is scheduled to join an expedition to Antarctica in February 2019 to paint the Southern Ocean – the last sea in her landmark series, One Artist Five Oceans.

Eubank holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the School of Arts from UCLA. She exhibits widely in the United States and the United Kingdom, as well as in Europe and Asia.

Background:

- The surface of the planet is approximately 71% water.
- There are five oceans on Earth: Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Southern Oceans.