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## ***New Portraits*** **Deirdre O’Connell**

Susan Eley Fine Art, Hudson | 433 Warren Street, Hudson, NY 12534

On View: March 21 - April 26, 2026 | Opening Reception: Saturday, March 21, 4-6PM

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Susan Eley Fine Art, Hudson is pleased to announce a solo presentation of recent works by Deirdre O’Connell. The exhibition is on view from March 16th through April 26th. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, March 21st from 4-6PM with O’Connell at the Gallery.

SEFA is located at 433 Warren Street, Hudson, NY 12534. The Gallery is open on Saturdays from 11AM-5PM and by appointment. To request an appointment on another day, please email: [susie@susaneleyfineart.com](mailto:susie@susaneleyfineart.com) and CC [liz@susaneleyfineart.com](mailto:liz@susaneleyfineart.com), or call 917-952-7641.

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Entitled *New Portraits*, the exhibition includes figure studies of O’Connell’s friends and colleagues—the characters within her daily life—writers, actors and more. These people are significant to her, deeply enmeshed in the New York City theater world. Yet, their decorative qualities endow them with a pure visual pleasure, able to be appreciated by all.

In the “Zoom Meeting Portraits,” viewers are met with close-ups of the faces, expressions, gestures and interiors that O’Connell observed through her computer screen—translating these elements through her mixed-media techniques. This series also features people from the project “The Commissary” in which the artist and her acting community rehearsed lines together during the pandemic times. Another group of paintings were created as an album cover for a musician. Four larger paintings capture the love of dear friends at their weddings.

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### **ARTIST BIOGRAPHY**

Deirdre O'Connell was born in Philadelphia and raised in Pittsfield, MA. She divides her time between New City and Kinderhook, NY. O'Connell is a self-trained artist, who attended the Studio School, NYC in 2003. Since 2007, the artist has been featured in numerous solo, two-person and group exhibitions at SEFA's New York City and Upstate locations. In 2022, O'Connell won the Tony Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Play for the production "Dana H."