**LARGE-SCALE ART EXHIBITION BY SUZANNE SUNSHINE INTEGRATES PAINTING, PHILANTHROPY AND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE**

**‘LOWER MANHATTAN SPACES’—IN FIVE-STORY LOBBY ATRIUM OF 45 BROADWAY—OPENS JUNE 22**

**NEW YORK – [June 1, 2016]** –“Lower Manhattan Spaces,” an exhibition of five, large-scale abstract paintings by New York-based artist and commercial real estate executive Suzanne Sunshine, will run from June 20 – November 6 in the five-story lobby atrium of 45 Broadway in Lower Manhattan. The show is being curated by chashama, a NYC-based nonprofit that provides artists with spaces to create and exhibit.

“Lower Manhattan Spaces” evolved from Ms. Sunshine and chashama Founder and Artistic Director Anita Durst’s shared passion for the arts and real estate. Poets & Writers, a nonprofit literary organization serving creative writers which Ms. Sunshine helped relocate from SoHo to Lower Manhattan eight years ago, will receive ten percent of sales proceeds and chashama will receive its customary commission for any sales.

“Creating painterly spaces through a visual language of color, line and shape is a metaphor for what I do to create space opportunities for nonprofits,” said Ms. Sunshine. “Much of my firm’s real estate work has been in Lower Manhattan, which makes having an exhibit here particularly rewarding. In light of escalating rents in Manhattan, nonprofits and artists are increasingly forced to be adaptive and resourceful.”

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Artist Adrienne Farb commented on the works in Ms. Sunshine’s exhibit: “They burst into our vision with audacious zeal. These large-scale paintings, created especially for this exhibition, envelop us both by their scale and by their intensity. They are powerful, delicate, and very determined.”

Owned by The Lawrence Group, 45 Broadway is a post-modern office building designed by Fox and Fowle and opened in 1983. Its distinctive interior atrium retains the large, multi-story fountain from its original development.

For sales and exhibit information, please contact chashama Curator, Janusz Jaworski or visit the artist’s website at [www.suzannesunshine.com](http://www.suzannesunshine.com)*.*

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**About chashama**

Since 1995, chashama has revitalized over 80 properties, providing invaluable space to create for more than 12,000 artists. chashama empowers artists at any stage of their career with services that offer continuous opportunities to create, develop, and present. chashama also aspires to bring the benefits of art and creativity to New Yorkers of all ages and backgrounds with over 130 free, public events and access to cultural programming throughout New York City. To learn more, visit [www.chashama.org](http://www.chashama.org).

**About Poets & Writers**

Founded in 1970, Poets & Writers is the nation’s largest nonprofit literary organization serving poets, fiction writers, and creative nonfiction writers. The organization’s work is rooted in the belief that literature is vital to sustaining a vibrant culture, and focuses on nurturing literature’s source: creative writers. Its mission is to foster the professional development of poets and writers, to promote communication throughout the literary community, and to help create an environment in which literature can be appreciated by the widest possible public. Learn more at [www.pw.org](http://www.pw.org).

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