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An Artist, a Real Estate Broker, and a Philanthropist Meet on Broadway

“Lower Manhattan Spaces” by Suzanne Sunshine

45 Broadway Lobby Atrium

June 20-November 6, 2016

Meet the Artist: Wednesday, June 22 12:00-2:00pm

New York, NY: chashama presents *Lower Manhattan Spaces*, an exhibition of five, large-scale abstract paintings, created especially for the lobby at 45 Broadway, by New York-based artist and commercial real estate executive **Suzanne Sunshine**. The paintings are emblematic of the merging of three of the artist's main passions; art, real estate and philanthropy. *Lower Manhattan Spaces* evolved from Ms. Sunshine and chashama Founder and Artistic Director Anita Durst's shared enthusiasm for the arts and real estate. The works will be on display from June 20-November 6, 2016. Audiences are invited to meet the artist on Wednesday, June 22 from 12:00-2:00pm.

“These paintings demand multiple viewings to reveal [their] intricacies and complexities. Sunshine creates forms that move and bend, appear and disappear. Her paintings feel essential and infinite,”-Adrienne Farb

Owned by The Lawrence Group, 45 Broadway is a post-modern building designed by Fox and Fowle, opened in 1983. Its distinctive interior atrium retains the large, multi-story foundation from its original development. In keeping with her philanthropic bent, Sunshine will donate ten percent of the proceeds from any exhibit sales to Poets & Writers, a literary nonprofit, which she helped relocate to the nominal Lower Manhattan. Sunshine is also looking to find homes for all 16 panels with Lower Manhattan tenants.

Suzanne Sunshine attended Brown University where she studied with prominent art historian, Kermit Champa, and graduated from Columbia Business School. In addition to her paintings, work as an assistant art curator, and membership at the [Art Students League of New York](#), Sunshine is also the founder and president of the commercial real estate advisory firm [S. Sunshine & Associates, LLC](#), which advises nonprofits on real estate matters. She was a program officer with the [Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#), a non-profit financial institution that supports community development corporations, and has previously served as vice president for the [Dana Foundation](#), a private foundation that supported brain research.

For more information about Suzanne and her work, visit <http://www.suzannesunshine.com/>

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. Visit <http://www.pw.org/> for more information.

chashama, which means "to have vision" in Farsi, partners with property owners to activate unused real estate for artists to develop, create and present. Currently, chashama manages over 125 artist studios, six galleries, five curated office lobbies, two performance venues, and provides affordable artist housing. A connector of art and real estate since 1995, chashama has placed more than 12,000 artists into over 60 locations around New York City, becoming the largest provider of affordable space for creative use.

To learn more, visit www.chashama.org

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