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**ART EVENT LISTING:**

**DARIEN, CT: December "Light the Night" Exhibits at the Geary Gallery**

*Janine Wesslemann, "City Lights & Cabaret Nights"*

*Kevin Sanders, "The Light of Evening"*

Now through December 2011. No admission fee. Wednesdays – Saturdays, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm.

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**PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**THE GEARY GALLERY OF DARIEN PRESENTS  
DECEMBER "LIGHT THE NIGHT" EXHIBITS FEATURING TWO PRESTIGIOUS ARTISTS:  
JANINE WESSLEMANN, "CITY LIGHTS & CABARET NIGHTS"  
KEVIN SANDERS, "THE LIGHT OF EVENING"**

Darien, CT, November 17, 2011...The Geary Gallery has planned an exciting December in Darien. This month, the art of two very prestigious artists who differ in style and subject will be showcased. Janine Wesslemann's "City Lights & Cabaret Nights" and Kevin Sanders' "The Light of Evening" come together to form "Light the Night" on exhibit through December.

**JANINE WESSLEMANN**



Known for bringing to light opulent snapshots of splendor, internationally renowned artist Janine Wesslemann evokes a *joie de vivre* of nights gone by. The "City Lights & Cabaret Nights" exhibit features her exciting and engaging oil paintings. Since the age of six, Janine Wesslemann has painted intensely—and in very unusual circumstances. From ambassadorial soirees in the capitals of Europe and revolutions in third world countries, to living on exotic islands, in remote deserts, and in the cultural metropolises of the world, she has painted a disappearing world of bazaars and fortune tellers, grand balls and gala events, cafes, and revelry.

Her rich color and texture are reminiscent of the Renaissance, her lightness of touch, the Impressionist era, and her psychological insights are unique and masterful. Her passion in painting the cultural richness of vanishing ways of life brought her enormous recognition in Europe and the United States and she was awarded the accolade of Outstanding Contribution to the Arts in 1992. She was the first American woman to be accepted into the permanent Collection d'Art Modern de la Ville de Paris and the Centro Culturale d'Italia, Rome. In 1997 she was named Cultural Emissary to France and continued her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage and art of the French Empire. She has been awarded the endorsements of Ambassadors, Senators, Governors, and Princes, and her work hangs in museums and collections throughout Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the United States.

To learn more about her, visit the Geary Gallery [online](#).

## **KEVIN SANDERS**

“The Light of Evening” features the oils of renowned landscapist, Kevin Sanders, whose journey in art began when he was very young. Always fascinated by light effects in nature, Kevin never dreamed these senses would lead him to becoming a fine artist. His dream of becoming a landscape painter was inspired was simply by chance. While viewing several landscapes in art books, Kevin discovered a landscape painting unlike anything that he had seen before.



Immediately, the connection to the painting was spiritual and the artist was George Inness. Inspired, he pursued his dreams of becoming a landscape painter.

Working on location near Florence, Italy since the mid-90's, Kevin enjoyed both humbling and rewarding experiences. Painting from nature, [Plein Air] and from his imagination, intimate relationships are formed by seeing light effects in nature which create certain moods that trigger emotions. He interprets his feelings or emotions gained from the landscape through painting.

Kevin explained, “It's when these principles are applied that a painting becomes beautiful. Of course, it's easier said than done. This can take the artist a life-time to achieve. But if we can awaken an emotion in the viewer, we can become successful artists as did George Inness so long ago.”

Kevin chose to become a landscape painter because he wanted to give back to Mother Nature what she has given to him. To learn more about him, visit the Geary Gallery [online](#).

Admission is free, and the paintings are available for acquisition. The Geary Gallery is regularly open to the public Wednesdays – Saturdays, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm. The Gallery is located at 576 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT 06820. For more information, contact (203) 655-6633 or visit [www.gearygallery.com](http://www.gearygallery.com).

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### **About Geary Gallery:**

*Since its founding in 1984, Geary Gallery has become one of Fairfield County's preeminent art galleries, featuring an extensive collection of original artwork and limited edition prints from more than 50 artists. Offering four elaborate display rooms, Geary Gallery maintains an ambitious exhibition schedule to showcase both Connecticut-based artists with national reputations, as well as well-known artists from along the Eastern seaboard.*

*The public can enjoy a new show virtually every five weeks (except during the summer months). In addition to the Gallery, located on premises are Accent Picture Framing and Restoration with an extensive selection of more than 2,000 corner samples for any type of artwork. Its precision restoration service has restored oil paintings and frames that hang in many museums, galleries and historical societies.*

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move your business forward*

*Geary Gallery is owned and operated by Anne and Tom Geary, who have spent more than 25 years as friends to artists, spotting talent and market appeal and nurturing careers.*

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