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**Carole Robb: *Showers with Heroes***  
**Frances Middendorf: *Sleepless Nights***  
**November 15-December 15, 2018**

Denise Bibro Fine Art, in Chelsea, New York, is pleased to announce a collaborative exhibition of major works by Scottish born artist Carole Robb, *Showers with Heroes*, and American artist Frances Middendorf, *Sleepless Nights*, November 15 – December 15, 2018.



Marcello & Donatello, Oil on canvas, 60 x 60 inches, 2018

Both artists, who are colleagues at the Rome Art Program, offer individual bodies of work with their own aesthetics and skill sets. Each provides a distinct feminine perspective by rendering women in male-focused depictions. Both bodies of work are inspired by their living and working in Rome and its cultural and architectural environment.

In *Showers with Heroes*, Robb depicts historic icons, some of which are heroic and others villainous. She portrays classic American heroes along with iconic figures in Roman history, referring to the predominately male written history. She emphasizes the relationship women have with the information they are exposed to in this male-dominated world. Her depictions of women pay no mind to the normally idolized men.

Middendorf's *Sleepless Nights* are primarily drawings of animals, humans, and sculptural forms. She fuses the natural beauty of Italy with her interest in mythology. Heavily inspired by anatomy and movement, she creates comparisons between animal and man while conveying similarities in both. Middendorf employs an innate sense of visual elements – light, space, and texture – to bring forth the dramatic and the emotional. Her works are full of intrigue and love for drawing – they are bold yet elegant.

These artists' bodies of work are empowering, mystifying, encouraging, and provoke further self-discovery.

Carole Robb studied painting at the Glasgow School of Art and earned an MFA at the University of Reading in England. She is the recipient of many awards including the British Prix de Roma, a Fulbright Award, and a British Arts Council Major Award. Her artworks can be found in several private and museum collections, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. She is the Artistic Director of the Rome Art Program. Robb divides her time in her studios in Rome, London, and New York.

Middendorf studied at the Rhode Island School of Design, RI (BFA) and the School of Visual Arts, NYC (MFA). She later continued her studies at Columbia Journalism School, NYC; The New York Studio School, NYC; The International School of Art, Monte Castello di Vibio, Italy; and Accademia di Belle Art, Perugia, Italy. She won the Le Colline di Pavese Prize for three consecutive years. Her art has been shown at galleries and institutions around New York, like the Tambaran Gallery, Westbeth Gallery, and The National Arts Club. Middendorf currently works at the Rome Art Program as part of the drawing faculty.



Dog Fight, Ink on paper, 54 x 36 in., 2018

There will be an opening reception Thursday, November 15, 2019. The artists will be present.

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