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University of Maine Museum of Art Acquires Painting by Isabel Bigelow

Bangor, Me. – The University of Maine Museum of Art has acquired a painting by artist Isabel Bigelow. Isabel Bigelow's 2016 oil painting on paper titled *Waiting* was acquired by the Museum for its permanent collection, which encompasses some four thousand artworks created after 1945.



Isabel Bigelow, *waiting*, 2016, oil on paper

The University of Maine Museum of Art's extensive permanent collection includes notable works by famed artists including Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Robert Motherwell, Susan Rothenberg, and David Hockney, among others. The Museum presents between nine and eleven exhibitions per year, and is located in downtown Bangor, Maine. The newly acquired work by Bigelow marks one of the Museum's earliest acquisitions of 2017, and will be exhibited as part of the permanent collection in the coming months.

In an email, Executive Director and Curator of the University of Maine Museum of Art George Kinghorn called the Museum "delighted" with the acquisition of Bigelow's painting. When researching works for the Museum's collection, Kinghorn "was drawn to Isabel Bigelow's silhouetted, glowing forms that seem to be rooted in nature, but are also quite mysterious as they hover in space."

Isabel Bigelow, an artist based in New York City and in Hudson, New York has received a Pollock-Krasner Foundation award and completed residencies at the MacDowell Colony, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Yaddo, and the Millay Colony. In Bigelow's densely layered paintings, biomorphic shapes hover over richly hued backgrounds, combining a graphic sensibility with the sensuous tactility of oil paint.

Isabel Bigelow is represented by Sears-Peyton Gallery, a contemporary art gallery located in New York's Chelsea gallery district at 210 Eleventh Avenue, and in Los Angeles. Sears-Peyton Gallery's New York location is open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information or to request further press images, please contact the gallery at info@searspeyton.com.