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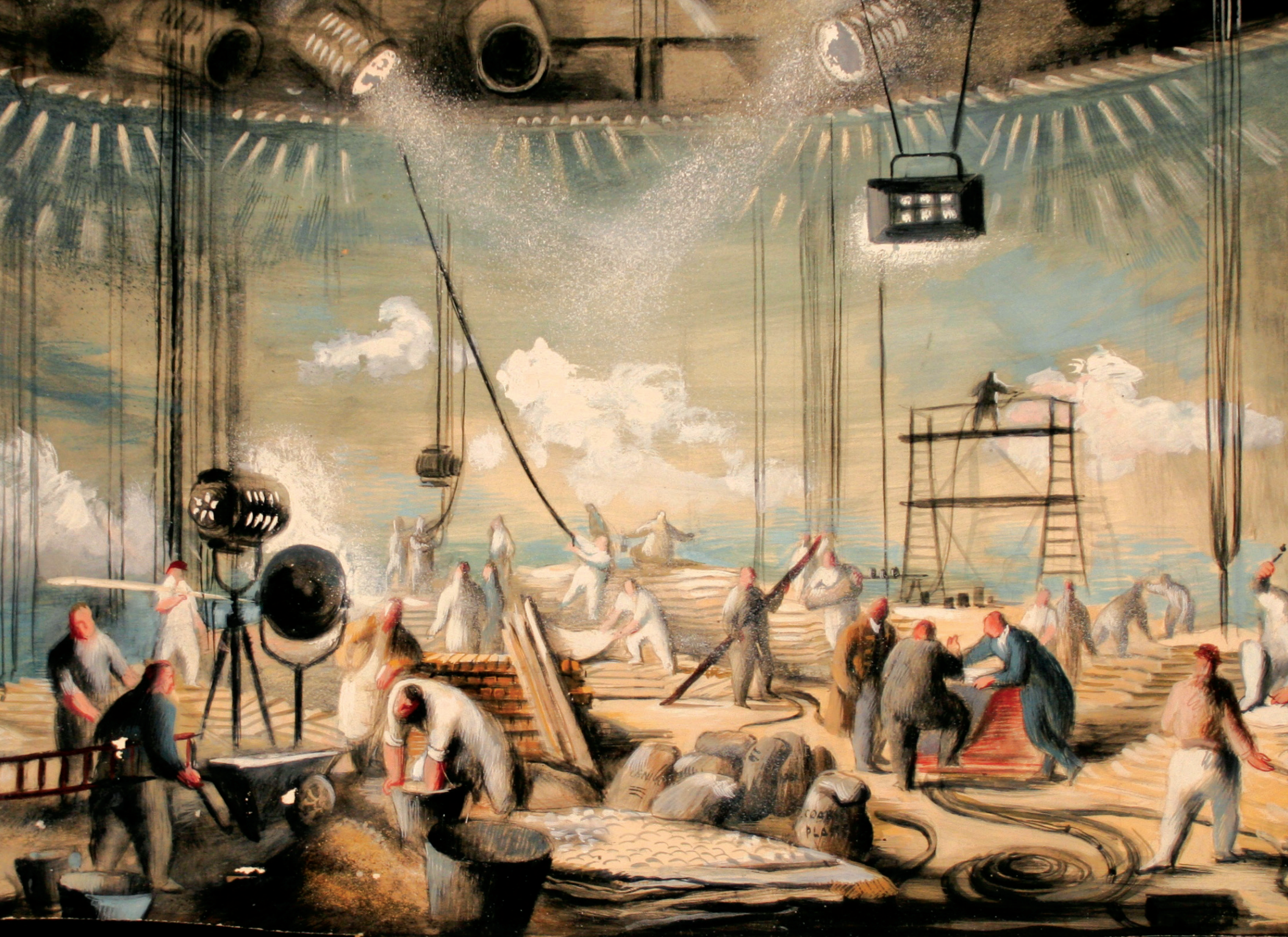
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COLLEEN BROWNING



1918 - 2003



The Early Works

Bellarmino Museum of Art



A Brush with Magic

Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery

January 24 - March 24, 2013

Fairfield University

One of the greatest pleasures I enjoy in my capacity as director and chief curator of the Bellarmine Museum of Art is the opportunity to step into the very lives of the artists whose works we exhibit here. This is certainly the case with Colleen Browning (1918-2003). Though her name was not terribly familiar to me before our colleague, Dr. Philip Eliasoph, proposed an exhibition devoted to Browning several years ago, I soon grew to appreciate her critical importance in the constellation of painters working in America in the second half of the 20th century. Along the way, I developed a parallel fascination with this enigmatic artist's chameleon-like character.

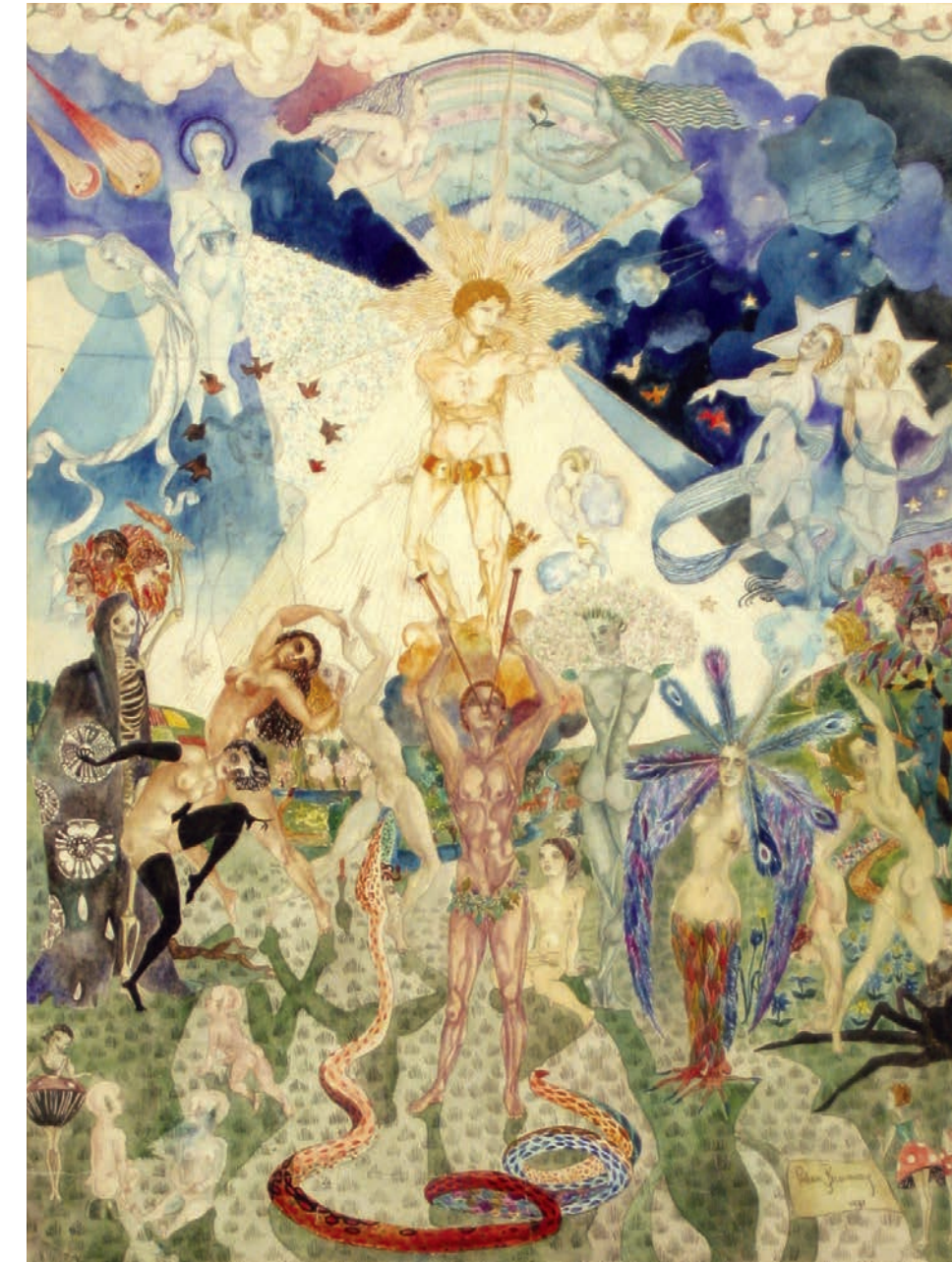
Colleen Browning surged onto the American art scene in 1949, arousing the attention and admiration of fellow artists and landing squarely in the media's crosshairs. The vicissitudes of taste, however, meant that realist painters like her were soon eclipsed by adherents of Abstract Expressionism and other non-figurative, non-narrative art movements. Yet Browning stood her ground. Despite modifying or modulating her aesthetic as she matured and evolved, the artist maintained her commitment to realism. Browning's clear technical prowess, coupled with her extraordinary capacity to continually reinvent herself within the bounds of the representational tradition, mark her as a painter worthy of our attention. That she was a woman – meaning that, by default, she faced substantially more obstacles than her male counterparts in the testosterone-fueled world of contemporary art – only increases our admiration.

Browning's name might not have endured were it not for the commitment of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art (SAMA) to preserve, protect, and promote her rich artistic legacy. Under the dedicated leadership of Director Gary Moyers, SAMA has not only honored Browning but also saved her from the veiling mists of time by assembling, and traveling, the extraordinary monographic show that we are proud to have mounted jointly with Fairfield University's Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery. To Mr. Moyers and his entire staff – above all, Ms. Bobby Moore and Dr. Scott V. Dimond – we extend our sincerest thanks for their collegiality and their gracious assistance at every step along the way.

Dr. Eliasoph, too, has insulated Browning from oblivion through his fine monograph, *Colleen Browning: The Enchantment of Realism* (2011), which provides readers with a 360° look at the life and work of this talented, yet reclusive, figure. We are indebted to him not only for this important contribution to the art historical literature but also for generously sharing his time and knowledge in support of this show; above all, through the compelling essay, *Colleen Browning: 'Through A Glass, Darkly' – A Revisionist Light*, that follows.

The Bellarmine Museum of Art relies on the beneficence of its supporters, who enable us to offer high quality exhibitions and related programming to the public, free of charge. This show is no exception: *Colleen Browning: The Early Works* would not have been possible were it not for the generosity of Whole Foods Market, *Venü* magazine, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, all of whom we thank sincerely. We are similarly indebted to the Robert Lehman Foundation and to Maritime Motors (Fairfield), who helped to underwrite our programming. Additional thanks are extended to Fairfield University's president, the Rev. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J., together with Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Rev. Paul Fitzgerald, S.J., and College of Arts and Sciences Dean Robbin Crabtree, Ph.D.; all of whom have, in their own ways, made their commitment to the arts very clear indeed. Last but assuredly not least, we thank our colleagues at the Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery, Gary Alan Wood and Dr. Joon Lee, for their collaborative spirit, as well as those institutions and private collectors whose willingness to share their works made this show complete; above all, the National Academy Museum, the Coleman Barkin Family, and several anonymous lenders.

Jill Deupi J.D., Ph.D.
Founding Director and Chief Curator, Bellarmine Museum of Art



Garden of Eden, 1931. Watercolor and graphite on paper. 18 ½ x 14 inches. Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner, Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [2010.049].

The Walsh Art Gallery has an extensive 22-year history of showcasing contemporary art in exhibits and experiences that are both meaningful and memorable. It's a place that brings together people of every background – on campus and in the community – to discover, learn from, and be touched by art.

Innately, contemporary art compels us to confront novel views of objects and scenes, where we can see the essence of the artist in each work. This is surely true of *Colleen Browning: A Brush with Magic*. In mounting this exciting show – jointly with the Bellarmine Museum of Art – we are the beneficiaries of this unique opportunity to access her genius and gain a fresh perspective on her important contributions in a career spanning more than 60 years.

Perhaps it is the fact that she found inspiration in her work from everyday life that provides a sense of immediacy, curiosity, connection, and even affection for what she has created. It serves to stir our deepest curiosities as art lovers, and causes us to appreciate the powerful capacity of her work to turn our heads – and our imaginations – as we rediscover the world around us.

The artist herself bore witness to this, stating: "I attempt to interpret my world, the world surrounding me, as clearly as possible; and as I live in and see new places or things, it reflects itself in my work." (Philip Eliasoph. *Colleen Browning: The Enchantment of Realism*. Hudson Hills Press, LLC. 2011)

The works displayed in the Walsh Gallery – which represent Browning's career post-1960 – make possible our deeper understanding of her intentions, life experiences, and the artistic legacy she leaves for us to enjoy.

The Walsh Art Gallery recognizes the many contributions of support and expertise in organizing the exhibit: our partners Gary Moyer and his staff at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Carey Weber and Dr. Jill Deupi of Fairfield University's Bellarmine Museum of Art, and Dr. Philip Eliasoph, for his expertise and generosity of insight, as well as our exclusive magazine partner, *Venü* magazine.

Gary Alan Wood
Director, Quick Center for the Arts



Holiday, 1951-52. Oil on canvas. 13 ¾ x 22 ¾ inches. Collection of the Coleman Barkin Family.

COLLEEN BROWNING: 'THROUGH A GLASS, DARKLY' – A REVISIONIST LIGHT



Browning preparing studio set designs for J. Arthur Rank Organisation, spring 1949.

It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma, but perhaps there is a key.

~ Winston Churchill, assessing the USSR's duplicity in 1939

On June 14, 1949 at Pier 92, next to Manhattan's newly constructed West Side Highway, *H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth* slipped effortlessly into her wide berth. Among the passengers disembarking that morning was 31-year-old Colleen Browning (1918-2003), an aspiring British painter of Irish ancestry. With an unshakeable confidence in her artistic powers, movie-star looks, and the love of her life waiting for her on the other side of the Customs desk, Browning was ready for her "rendezvous with destiny."

Through Fairfield University's dual-platform retrospective of this remarkable female artist, we learn how a thoroughly British subject came to observe, assimilate, and even assume a brief leadership role in the narrative of American art in the second half of the 20th century. Although Browning's name today lacks household recognition, her story dramatically illustrates the principal movements – and related tensions – in American art in the years after 1950.

This landmark retrospective provides critical tools for peeling away the layers of Browning's astonishingly rich artistic legacy, a decade after her death. Her artworks have never shined forth with such luminosity; but her impenetrably obscured biography, inscrutable character, and willful deceptions prompt our understanding of these images "through a glass, darkly." (1 *Corinthians* 13:12)

By mid-century in America, the ascendant New York School had officially triumphed, spawning wall-sized paintings devoid of recognizable subject matter and stripped of discernible images. The aim was to create what critical demagogue Clement Greenberg termed "art about art," that is to say, art liberated from the compulsive need to create an ersatz reality. The work of someone like Colleen Browning – with its tightly rendered, narrative-driven realism – was eclipsed by Abstract Expressionism, whose adherents derided figurative painters as *outré*.

With the benefit of hindsight, however, we realize that the wholesale dismissal of proponents of an art that ultimately traces its roots back to the centuries-old academic tradition was not only biased but also myopic, as Colleen Browning's diversely rich *oeuvre* makes clear. Her biography, too, was its own epic romantic adventure.

The daughter of one of England's most highly-decorated major generals in World War II, Langley Browning, she often cloaked her identity, her artistic intentions, and even her age behind a beguiling series of illusionistic images, deceptive clues, and inspired veils. Browning was aloof, keeping herself at arm's length from any meaningful friendships, snubbing neighbors in her apartment building for 40 years, and flatly telling a young college newspaper reporter: "I am a recluse." And she was an enigma. Hailed as one of America's most sensitive painters of adolescents caught in the web of gritty urban blight and soulless ghetto tenements, Browning admitted she "did not particularly like children."

But there is hope, or a "key" as Winston Churchill would have it. Recent discoveries amongst primary source materials by this author have shed new light on this mysterious artist and her carefully curated persona, revealing along the way that Browning intentionally falsified critical biographical

details throughout her lifetime; details that worked their way into a number of scholarly articles and media reports about the artist both while she was still alive and posthumously.

For decades it had been assumed that Colleen Browning was born in Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland in 1929. As I exposed in my recent monograph, *Colleen Browning: The Enchantment of Realism* (Hudson Hills, 2011), however, she was actually born on May 16, 1918 on an English military base at Shoeburyness, Essex (where her father, a gunnery officer, was stationed at the end of WWI after being injured by Germany artillery). With a wink, we might dismiss this as a trivial transgression.

Indeed, a plausible Feminist context permits Browning's sleight of hand as a response to the nefarious trifecta of an impenetrable glass ceiling, fleeting youthfulness, and enduring vanity. But a more nuanced interpretation reveals that Browning had constructed an existence that metaphorically replicated her own exceptionally clever illusionism. As she herself had stated: "I am always a realist, an illusionist if you prefer." (Howard DaLee Spencer, *Colleen Browning: Recent Paintings*, exhibition catalogue [Wichita, KS: Wichita Art Museum, 1986]).

Ambitious to a fault, endowed with an arsenal of artistic abilities, and armed with a fistful of prestigious awards and competitive scholarships, Browning was still basking in the critical acclaim engendered by her first solo exhibition at a Piccadilly Square gallery only a month earlier when she alighted down the gangplank in 1949. She was right to be optimistic, for her talent was soon arousing the attention of critics and fellow artists alike. Within three years of her arrival, the completely unknown immigrant artist had gained impressive reviews in the national press, including coveted placements in *TIME*, *Newsweek*, *The Nation*, *ARTnews* and *Art Digest*.

The art Establishment and fellow artists also took note. American master painter George Tooker, an early colleague and friend of Browning (they often exhibited consecutively in the same gallery), was just one of many to recognize her talents, noting: "I have such pleasant memories of [her] . . . I admired her work and I told her so." (personal communication with the author, 2010)

Lyrical poetic images of African-American children and Hispanic street waifs painted from life on the street below her fourth-floor East Harlem walk-up earned Browning entry into the Whitney Museum of American Art's Annual exhibit, won her second prize in Pittsburgh's Carnegie Art Institute International Art Exhibition, and secured a purchase prize at San Francisco's Legion of Honor Competition. Her rapid ascent to the top was capped by the critical assessment of John Canaday (the often acerbic yet uncannily insightful and undeniably influential *New York Times* art critic), who stated in 1965: "Colleen Browning is an artist worth noticing because she is a painter of talent who works against the current fashion and has the technical skill to do whatever she wants, in whatever way."

Her personal life, too, was brimming with promise, thanks to her dashing handsome fiancé, Oxford-educated, English Romantic literature professor, Dr. Geoffrey Wagner.



Baptism: Homage to Piero della Francesca, 1941. Watercolor and gouache on paper. 14 3/8 x 12 3/4 inches. Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner, Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [2011.041].



Fire Escape II, 1953. Oil on linen canvas. 30 1/4 x 8 1/2 inches. Collection of the Coleman Barkin Family.

Author of over 30 academic studies, romantic novels, and bodice-ripping “pulp” novellas, Wagner also published the WWII classic *The Sands of Valor* (1967), a first-hand account of tank warfare with his Welsh Guards unit pitted against Rommel’s Afrika Korps.

Browning and Wagner met by happenstance in August 1948 on a volcanic beach on the island of Ischia, just off the coast of Naples. From that moment on, they were besotted with one another, as the torrid letters they exchanged during their nine-month separation make clear: “My darling, my darling,” began one of Wagner’s daily epistolary declarations of unfettered devotion, “I adore you ... God knows we have waited too long – surely we will be rewarded by Fate for being the most patient lovers, though I am desperately restless ... I’d known you all my life and hundreds of lives previously and I truly believe I have.”

That the soon-to-be-wed Browning-Wagners chose the United States as their new home is not surprising. A wave of post-war exiled artists and writers from their generation was magnetically attracted to the almost boundless promise of mid-century America. Newly crowned the world’s super-power, the States were still basking in the afterglow of defeating totalitarianism on a global stage. The road ahead, however, was not all smooth for Browning: realist painting was about to be eclipsed by Action painting’s bridge to the future.

Just a few months after the young artist arrived in Manhattan, sculptor Philip Pavia made a New Year’s Eve toast at a Greenwich Village “beatnik” gathering of abstract painters, poets, and “pink diaper baby” dissidents, predicting: “The first half of this century had belonged to Paris, but the second half will be claimed by New York!” With the champagne officially uncorked, American art for the remainder of the 20th century was to be dominated by abstraction, avant-gardism, and anti-formalist post-modernism. Narrative art was dead.

The headline in *LIFE* magazine’s August 8, 1949 color spread featuring Jackson Pollock asked the provocative question: “Is He the Greatest Living Painter in the United States?” Meanwhile Barnett Newman predicted a new age with “1,000 years of non-representational art,” while a generation of classically-trained artists from London’s Slade School (from which Browning graduated in 1939 on a full scholarship), New York’s National Academy, and the Art Students League were being lambasted as “hacks,” “cornpone illustrators,” or, worse still, crypto-fascists in step with Nazi era official propaganda or Soviet-styled Socialist Realism. The hard-core academic realists saw the handwriting on the wall: their gig was up. Browning may well have fallen off the radar screen like her less fortunate colleagues – Isabel Bishop, Henry Koerner, Bernard Karfiol, John Koch, or Priscilla Warren Roberts – had we not intervened to rescue and sustain her identity into the present.

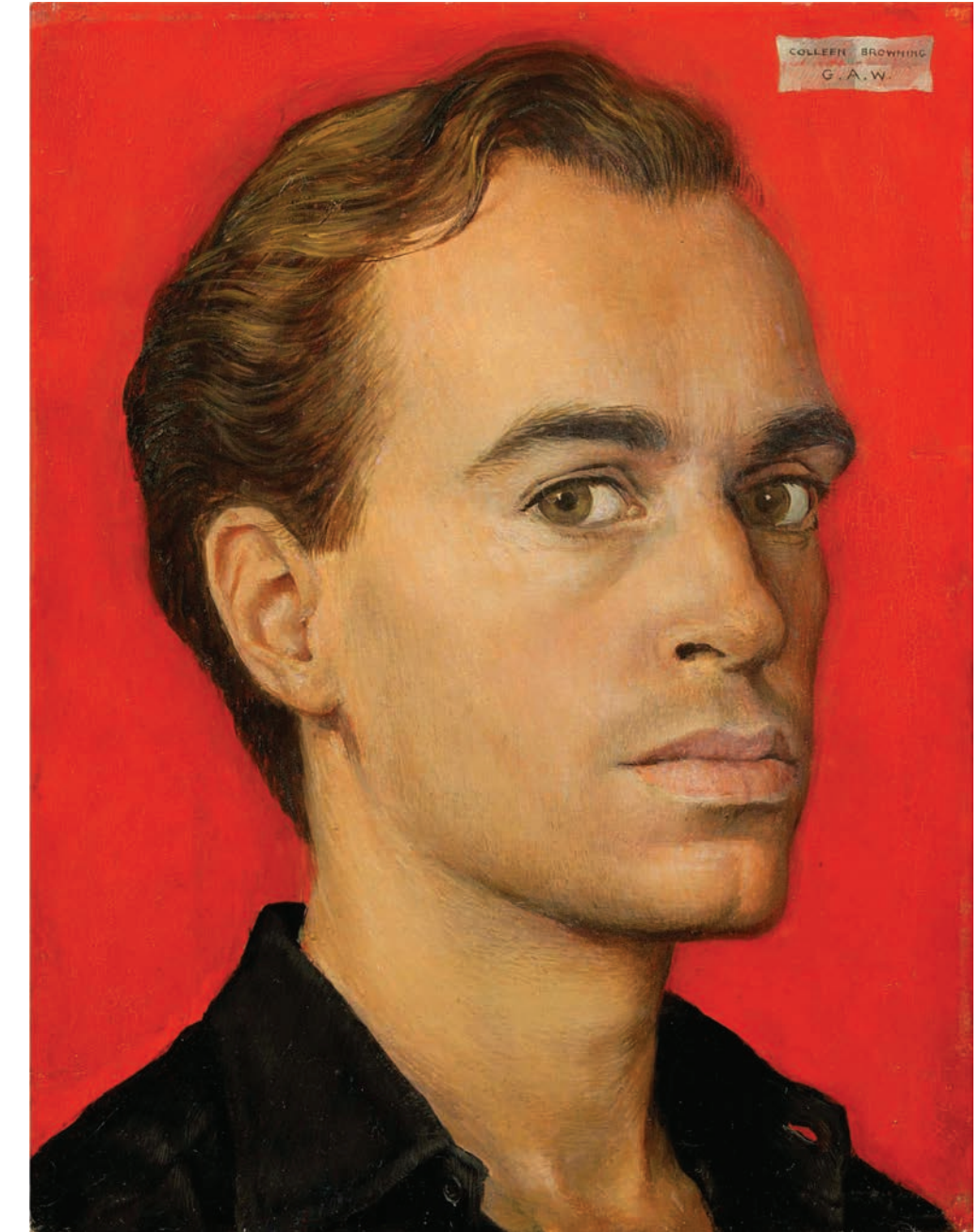
Swiftly adapting to the American scene, Browning proved just how protean – and quick – she could be. Each decade reveals a thoughtful process of art-world surveillance, altered replication, and, in small instances, perfectly distilled images finally achieving a hard-earned artistic autonomy. She transitioned from a plum job as a British stage and film studio set designer between 1946 and 1949, to an American studio painter with major credentials by the 1950s. Her stage-set illusionism resonated deeply in her work, which showcased an uncanny ability to, chameleon-like, imitate any artistic style or mannerism with fluidity.

To wit, Browning showcased a virtuoso’s skill for capturing “the look” of established artists like Ben Shahn, Joseph Hirsch, and Robert Vickrey; the introspection of painters like Edward Hopper and Andrew Wyeth; and, in her later years, the motifs of Jasper Johns, Andy Warhol, Audrey Flack, and J. M. Basquiat; American painters at the forefront – and on the front pages of the glossy art magazines – in their day. There are glimpses of genius in her career, particularly when she foregrounds her own voice and vision.

Fortunately Colleen Browning’s legacy has been preserved through the diligent efforts of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art (SAMA) in southwestern Pennsylvania. Far from the critical and commercial trends of the art world’s epicenter in Manhattan, this regional museum serves as the chief repository, and principal champion, of Browning’s artistic legacy. Her importance was made abundantly clear at a webcast symposium (streamed live across the nation in September 2012) where the eminent art historian and Edward Hopper scholar Dr. Gail Levin congratulated SAMA for vigilantly protecting Browning’s estate, and shielding her from “the ranks of erased women artists.”

In a prolific professional career spanning seven decades, Colleen Browning donned many identities while experimenting with several artistic styles. Responding like quicksilver, she became a visual thermometer of painting styles between frozen academicism and a newly evaporating dematerialization. Towards the end, in 1989, she told *American Artist Magazine*: “Art is magical and astonishing.” Now, as we visit the Bellarmine Museum of Art and the Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery, the wonderment of it all continues to enchant, amuse, and beguile us.

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Department of Visual & Performing Arts



Head, ca. 1955-56. Oil and casein on panel. 10 1/4 x 8 inches. Collection of the National Academy Museum, New York.



Goyave, ca. 1956-57. Oil on canvas. 23 1/2 x 23 1/2 inches. Collection of the National Academy Museum, New York.



East Harlem Street Scene, 1953. Oil on canvas. 15 1/2 x 40 inches. Private Collection, New Jersey.



Storefront, 1965. Oil on canvas. 21 x 47 inches. Gift of the artist, Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.119].

Colleen Browning: The Early Works

Bellarmine Museum of Art, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT

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Checklist

Examples of the Application of Perspective to Pictorial Composition [Image 1], n.d.

Watercolor and graphite on paper

9 ¼ x 10 ¼ inches

Gift of the artist

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.037]

Examples of the Application of Perspective to Pictorial Composition [Image 2], n.d.

Watercolor and graphite on paper

8 ¾ x 12 ½ inches

Gift of the artist

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.038]

Examples of the Application of Perspective to Pictorial Composition [Image 3], n.d.

Watercolor and graphite on paper

8 ½ x 13 ¼ inches

Gift of the artist

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.039]

Garden of Eden, 1931 (page 5)

Watercolor and graphite on paper

18 ½ x 14 inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2010.049]

Untitled [Balloon Festival], n.d.

Gouache, watercolor, ink, and graphite on paper

22 ½ x 30 ¾ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.036]

Untitled [History of a City], n.d.

Graphite, ink, and gouache on paper

16 ½ x 14 inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2010.048]

Untitled [Drapery Study], n.d.

Colored chalk on dark gray-brown board

18 ⅝ x 8 ⅜ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.114]

Untitled Figure Study, n.d.

Colored chalk on dark gray-brown paper

22 x 15 ⅛ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.115]

Untitled Head Study, n.d.

Watercolor, wash, graphite and chalk on paper

9 ⅝ x 7 ⅝ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.043]

Untitled Fantasy Scene, 1931

Watercolor, graphite, and ink on paper

7 x 9 ⅜ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.112]

Portrait of an Officer [General Browning], n.d.

Graphite on paper

14 x 10 ½ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2012.062]

Portrait, ca. 1938-1939

Oil on canvas

23 ⅞ x 21 inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.019]

Baptism: Homage to Piero della Francesca, 1941 (page 9)

Watercolor and gouache on paper

14 ⅜ x 12 ¾ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.041]

Resurrection, 1941

Gouache on paper

13 ¾ x 22 ¾ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.053]

Salisbury AD 1942, 1942

Gouache and graphite on paper

18 ¼ x 25 ¼ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.040]

Untitled Study for Stage Set Design [Orchestra], 1945

Watercolor, gouache, ink, and graphite on cardboard

19 ¾ x 24 ¾ inches (board)

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

The Bathers, 1945

[Study for Stage Set Decoration]

Oil and ink on paper

9 ½ x 10 inches

Gift of the artist

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[1999.192]

The Dance, 1945

[Study for Stage Set Decoration]

Oil and ink on paper

10 x 9 ¾ inches

Gift of the artist

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[1999.190]

Gathering Water, 1945

[Study for Stage Set Decoration]

Oil and ink on paper

10 x 7 inches

Gift of the artist

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[1999.191]

Untitled [Theatrical Scene 1], ca. 1947-1949

(back cover)

Gouache, watercolor, ink, and graphite on paper

19 ½ x 29 ¾ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.047]

Untitled [Theatrical Scene 2], ca. 1947-1949

(inside front cover)

Gouache, watercolor, ink, and graphite on paper

17 ⅛ x 30 ½ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.048]

Crucifixion, ca. 1948-1949

Watercolor on paper

11 ½ x 20 ½ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2010.051]

Rio Bamba Restaurant Mural Study 1, 1950

Watercolor, gouache and graphite on paper

8 ½ x 9 ¾ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.051]

Rio Bamba Restaurant Mural Study 2, ca. 1950

Watercolor, gouache and graphite on paper

8 ⅛ x 9 ½ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2011.052]

Holiday, 1951-52 (page 7)

Oil on canvas

13 ¾ x 22 ¾ inches

Collection of the Coleman Barkin Family

First Communion, ca. 1952

Oil on board

23 ⅛ x 8 ½ inches [sight]

Gift of the Estate of Janet Liebowitz

Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

[2012.065]

Ibiza Mother and Child, 1952

Oil on linen canvas mounted on board

11 x 23 inches

Private Collection, Connecticut

Fire Escape II, 1953 (page 10)

Oil on linen canvas

30 ¼ x 8 ½ inches

Collection of the Coleman Barkin Family

East Harlem Street Scene, 1953 (page 13)

Oil on canvas

15 ½ x 40 inches

Private Collection, New Jersey

Self Portrait, n.d. (cover)

Oil on board

7 x 7 ⅛ inches

Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner

Collection of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

Head, ca. 1955-56 (page 11)

Oil and casein on panel

10 ¼ x 8 inches

Collection of the National Academy Museum, New York

At Macaud, 1956

Oil on canvas

20 ¼ x 35 ½ inches

Private Collection, New Jersey

Goyave, ca. 1956-57 (page 12)

Oil on canvas

23 ½ x 23 ½ inches

Collection of the National Academy Museum, New York

Self-Portrait, 1965 (back cover)

Oil on canvas

24 x 20 inches

Collection of the National Academy Museum, New York

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Protest II, n.d.
Oil on canvas
26 ½ x 39 inches
Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [2010.045]

Roof View, 1965
Oil on canvas
28 ¾ x 36 ¼ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.118]

Storefront, 1965 (page 13)
Oil on canvas
21 x 47 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.119]

The Cemetery, 1967
Oil on canvas
27 x 50 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.121]

Flooded Field, 1968
Oil on canvas
23 ¾ x 40 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.123]

Wet Evening, 1969
Oil on canvas
30 ½ x 48 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.228]

Black Umbrella, 1970 (page 18)
Oil on canvas
18 ½ x 30 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.126]

Nine Times One (Self Portrait), 1970
Oil on canvas
25 x 19 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.127]

Wet, 1971
Oil on canvas
35 x 46 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.135]

Mindscape, 1973
Oil on canvas
28 ½ x 36 ¼ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.129]

Breakfast Garden, 1977
Oil on canvas
28 x 36 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.130]

Chevron, 1977
Oil on canvas
17 x 23 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.131]

Door Window, 1977
Oil on canvas
20 x 23 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.132]

I.R.T. Eye, 1977
Oil on canvas
33 x 40 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.133]

Portrait in P, 1977
Oil on canvas
45 x 50 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.153]

Question Mark, 1977
Oil on canvas
18 x 21 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.134]

WOW Car, 1977
Oil on canvas
36 x 54 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.154]

The Andes, 1983
Oil on canvas
29 x 46 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.156]

Clairvoyant, 1984
Oil on canvas
31 x 41 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.137]

Clairvoyant II, 1984
Oil on canvas
28 ½ x 46 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.138]

The Adept, 1984
Oil on canvas
27 x 34 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [98.078]

Astrologer, 1985
Oil on canvas
14 x 13 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.179]

Iguassu III, 1985
Oil on canvas
39 x 60 ¼ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.139]

The Letter, 1985
Oil on canvas
26 x 38 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.141]

Walk to the Beach, 1985
Oil on canvas
36 ¼ x 46 ¼ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.157]

Ave Maria, 1987
Oil on canvas
44 ½ x 66 ¾ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.183]

Ceremonies, 1987
Oil on canvas
41 x 54 inches
Gift of the artist
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Jubilee, 1988
Oil on canvas
49 x 62 ¼ inches
Gift of the artist
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Picture of a Painting of the Great Circus Parade, 1988
Oil on canvas
42 ½ x 66 ½ inches
Gift of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art Auxiliary,
Courtesy of Harmon-Meek Galleries, Naples
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [96.009]

Poas Volcano, 1991
Oil on canvas
48 x 62 ¾ inches
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Fracture, 1993
Oil on canvas
24 x 30 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.181]

Rising Tide, 1994
Oil on canvas
35 ½ x 40 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
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The Impossible Shore, 1994
Oil on canvas
34 ½ x 47 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [2012.060]

Uncertain Applause: In Two Minds, 1994
Oil on canvas
22 x 34 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.146]

Looking for Lucy, 1995
Oil on canvas
36 ½ x 40 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.147]

Schoolgirls, 1995
Oil on canvas
28 x 40 inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.148]

Sun and Daughters, 1997
Oil on canvas
25 x 32 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.169]

The Astrologer of Chantinelle, 1997
Oil on canvas
44 ½ x 52 ½ inches
Gift of the artist
Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [2012.059]

Calling Back a Dream, 2002
Oil on canvas
18 ½ x 28 ½ inches
Gift of the Estate of Geoffrey Wagner
Collection of Fairfield University



Black Umbrella, 1970. Oil on canvas. 18 1/2 x 30 1/2 inches. Gift of the artist, Collection of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art [99.126].

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