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The Loft Artist Association is pleased to announce *Summer Abstracts*, our Spring/Summer Juried Exhibition. Our juror is Elizabeth Tardif, the founder of Cherry Street Art and Exhibition Manager at the Kershner Gallery in Fairfield, CT. The Show dates are Saturday, June 1 – Sunday, June 30, 2024. An Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 1, from 4-6 PM. The juror will speak about the exhibit on Sunday, June 16, from 2-3:30 PM at the gallery. This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are not necessary.

Summer Abstracts is an interpretational theme inviting artists to think about summer in an abstract context focusing on color, shape, design, texture, and movement within the context of what it means to consider the approaching summer. What are those feelings and senses that are evoked with the approach of summer? What are we, as artists, anticipating. How do we express that? This exhibit will surely excite and inspire the viewer to think about the season of summer in a variety of new ways and with an eagerness to explore new options.

Juror, Elizabeth Tardif, is the founder of Cherry Street Art, an art advisory and consulting service that provides promotional services for artists as well as providing a resource for consumers who want to purchase and invest in visual art. Liz works with clients all over Connecticut and with artists all over the globe. As the Exhibition Manager and Curatorial Committee Manager for the Kershner Gallery in Fairfield, Liz is responsible for organizing and executing a continuous calendar of exhibitions featuring a variety of art styles, techniques, and mediums. A dedicated advocate for visual arts and artists, Liz has delivered talks on multiple topics to encourage the appreciation of art including “The Art of Buying Art”, “The Importance of Art in Our Society”, “Incorporating Art into a Décor”. An artist herself, Liz works in both oil and acrylic but does not promote or market her own work.

Founded in 1978, the Loft Artists Association is a non-profit organization of professional working artists dedicated to building connections within the visual arts community and offering many artistic and educational opportunities to the public, free of charge. As an established cultural institution, their grassroots events attract thousands of visitors throughout the Tri-state area and have been recognized by funding agencies, including the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, corporate and private sponsors, the City of Stamford and by visitors who return year after year.

The Loft Gallery is located at 575 Pacific Street in Stamford, CT. For gallery hours and additional information visit our [website](#) or reach out via [email](#).