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Water works

Barbara Fracchia lives in California, and with the West Coast experiencing a drought she used that as inspiration for her latest series. “I decided to do a series of water and its various surroundings. Included are fountains; the rugged coastlines and the crashing waves, which run the full length of California; the ever-popular noisy seagulls; and a few magical underwater seascapes with iridescent schools of fish,” says Fracchia.

Most paintings are taken from locations in California, but she has included several from travels in Europe where magnificent fountains spew forth with their frothy water works.

Fracchia also included the famous water works at Lincoln Center in front of the Metropolitan Opera House,

when it was most dramatic in the evening with the opera house ablaze with lights. Also shown in this group of work is an impressionistic painting of a woman crossing a bridge holding her umbrella while ducks swim in a brook below.

“I truly enjoyed paintings this series and hope it will lead to a wet winter for the West Coast next year,” the artist says.

The international Montserrat Contemporary Art Gallery features exhibitions of many European artists and is located in the Chelsea area of New York City. Fracchia will present a second show at the gallery from September 23 through October 10, with *Water Works* as the theme. ●

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Coral Reef, oil on canvas, 20 x 24"

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Seagull Beach, oil on board, 11 x 14"

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No Lifeguards, oil on board, 24 x 12"