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1 Artwork big and small featured at 118 Elliot

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4 During the month of December, a pair of group
5 exhibitions — “About The Size of It” and “Holiday Windows: All
6 Under One Sky” will be featured at 118 Elliot Gallery.

7 “About the Size of It” features the work of six painters
8 who make up the 118 collective of artists: Tina Olsen, Ellen Cone
9 Maddrey, Gayle Robertson, John Loggia, Liza Cassidy, and Mary
10 Therese Wright. The exhibit explores the notion of size in
11 painting — the miniature and the monumental.

12 Also on exhibit is the window display, "All Under One
13 Sky," the collective's contribution to the Brattleboro Festival of
14 Miniatures.

15 The artists contemplated the miniature and the
16 monumental in painting, and how it is expressed in their
17 individual work. In most representational painting, the image is
18 exactly that — a representation of a (usually) much larger scene.

19 The landscape paintings of Bierstadt and Church are
20 miniature when compared to the scenes they represent. But any
21 painter, whether the work is representational or abstract, faces the
22 question of how large to make the image.

23 Queries arise for the artist and the viewer: How does the
24 size or shape of a painting relate to what the painter expresses, or
25 what the viewer sees and feels? This exhibit allows both the artists
26 and the viewers to "try out" different sized works, discover how
27 the eye reacts to each, and form new ways of seeing.

28 The 118 artists "tend to create art from their physical
29 interaction with the materials, rather than starting with specific
30 ideas that are translated onto a visual medium," organizers wrote
31 in a news release. "They used this process to work together in an
32 improvisational mode, creating the universal sky that connects us
33 all. The colors and shapes, and the light they create, remind us of
34 the vastness of the natural beauty that surrounds our daily lives."

35 Moving from "monumental" to "miniature," the artists
36 added miniature scenes of life under the sky.

37 The exhibition will be on view at Gallery Walk on Friday,
38 Dec. 5, and during 118 Elliot open gallery hours, Thursdays from
39 3 to 6 p.m., as well as during all 118 Elliot events and by
40 appointment; contact 118elliot@gmail.com or 917-239-8743.

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