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Artwork big and small featured at 118 Elliot

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During the month of December, a pair of group exhibitions — “About The Size of It” and “Holiday Windows: All Under One Sky” will be featured at 118 Elliot Gallery. “About the Size of It” features the work of six painters who make up the 118 collective of artists: Tina Olsen, Ellen Cone Maddrey, Gayle Robertson, John Loggia, Liza Cassidy, and Mary Therese Wright. The exhibit explores the notion of size in 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 [118elliott@gmail.com](mailto:118elliott@gmail.com) or 917-239-8743.

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