



WORK BY ANI COLLIER TO BE EXHIBITED AT ART TORONTO 2017

GAINESVILLE, Fla, Sept. 20, 2017 – Black C Art Gallery is pleased to announce that two works by Ani Collier from her NY Series will be shown at *Vellum Magazine's* booth at Art Toronto this October.

The two digital collages, *Architexture* (2013) and *Converging Perspectives* (2014), were selected for exhibition by *Vellum Magazine* Editor Stephanie Young and are an important representation of Collier's overall body of work. After retiring from her career as a ballet dancer, Collier took up life as an artist behind the lens. In her artist statement, Collier declared a fascination with cities, stating that "although a photograph records a single moment in time, the collages I make tell stories... I feel that through digital photography and manipulation, I am able to choreograph again – albeit virtually. In a way, I am still dancing; only now, I dance with my images."

Founded in 2000, Art Toronto is Canada's international contemporary and modern art fair and is one of the most important annual events in the city. The fair features artwork from various galleries from throughout North America and the world. In addition to the exhibitors, there are also panels and lectures hosted by prominent figures in the art world, curated projects, and a VIP Program.

Located at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Art Toronto provides a unique opportunity to experience the art market on a global scale. As Canada's capital, Toronto hosts a diverse and rich artistic community. More than 125 public and commercial art galleries and museums from 8 countries and 29 cities are represented at the fair. Art Toronto will commence with a benefit gala on October 26, and the fair will to the public from October 27-30 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The Toronto Convention Center is located at 222 Bremner Boulevard, M5V 3L9.

For more information about Ani Collier and about the fair, visit <https://www.blackcproduction.com/ani-collier> and <https://www.arttoronto.ca/about/history>.

Ani Collier

Ani Collier is a dancer, choreographer, director, and visual artist specializing in photography, film, and performance art. Collier was born in Bulgaria, graduated from The State Ballet School in Sofia, and danced principal roles in ballets such as *The Nutcracker* and *Rite of Spring*. Collier has directed and choreographed numerous dance and theatre performances both in Florida and Bulgaria. Her travels have taken her to dance festivals around the world and her own work has been influenced by her experiences.

After retiring her pointe shoes, Collier received an MBA from the University of Florida and founded ETUD Gallery in Sofia, Bulgaria and Black C Art Gallery in Gainesville, Florida. Collier's photographs have been exhibited throughout Florida, as well as venues in North Carolina, New York City, Italy, and Bulgaria.