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TIBET HOUSE US PRESENTS

Buddhas in the Garden *Paintings by Hedy Klineman*

OPENING RECEPTION: **Thursday, October 3, 6-8 pm**
(On view from October 3 – December 12, 2013)



Bedroom Buddha- 4 panel silkscreen, acrylic on canvas

New York, NY (August 6th, 2013) — **Tibet House US** is pleased to announce an upcoming art exhibit, ***Buddhas in the Garden***, featuring the sensuous new series of mixed-media paintings by Hedy Klineman.

Her paintings deftly employ vibrant color and spiritual imagery to offer the type of keen social insight that has marked her forty-year career. Returning to a familiar face, the ethereal stone Buddha that graced her 1990s oeuvre, Hedy deploys the mystical figure again and again, like a mantra, which coalesces the collection and adds a calming, meditative presence.

In the style of Pop Art, the repetition offers a sly commentary on the mass production which has left the world awash in identical icons, like Warhol's *Brillo* boxes and soup cans. If these Buddhas have become symbols of an inescapable assembly line, Hedy also coyly neutralizes them by presenting them in natural scenes. The sacred comes down to earth as Hedy converges the sublime and the everyday. The subjects are grounded in a reality that's actual and not virtual, one inspired by the lush landscapes of Barbados and the gardens of East Hampton. The paintings take the viewer out of their technologically-driven world and remind them of the importance of the natural world.

Hedy Klineman

Born in Hamburg, Germany, and raised in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, Hedy graduated from the Cooper Union, where she encountered the maximalist, full-canvas Abstract Expressionism that has shaped her style since.

Her works have been exhibited at the Whitney, Rubin, Hood, and Vizcaya Museums, among others, as well as in solo exhibitions at Bridgewater Lustberg Gallery, Benrimon Contemporary, Dorothy Blau, and Vered Modern, and various international institutions. Her paintings can be found in the private collections of Richard Gere, Uma Thurman, Patrick McMullan, Shelley and Donald Rubin, and others.

ABOUT TIBET HOUSE US

Tibet House US, established in 1987 at the request of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, is a non-profit educational institution and cultural embassy working to preserve, restore, and present Tibet's unique cultural and spiritual heritage by means of a permanent center, with a 2,000-square-foot gallery, library, archives, developing traveling exhibitions, print publications, and media productions.

LOCATION AND HOURS:

22 West 15th Street, New York, NY 10011

Monday – Friday from 11 am – 6 pm

Sunday from 11 am – 4 pm

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