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Wired Gallery Presents:

Roberto Azank: *Stills*

September 30 – October 22, 2017

Opening Reception: Saturday, September 30, 5-7pm



High Falls, NY, September 11, 2017 -- On Saturday, September 30, Wired Gallery opens ***Stills***, a solo show of still lifes and other floral compositions by the New Paltz-based, Argentinean artist **Roberto Azank**, with a reception from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. sponsored by Stone Ridge Wine and Spirits. The show runs until Sunday, October 22, 2017.

Still lifes, a traditional subject matter for artists since the Egyptians, has always been the primary focus of Roberto Azank. Azank's canvases convey a sense of hyper-reality through his bold use of color, precise line and controlled composition. His rendering of common objects such as flowers, fruits and curvaceous vessels set against the background of almost fauvist bisected bold color planes is being exemplified by superb draftsmanship. These color planes, often indescribable in hue, are the cornerstone of Azank's work, while the still life objects act as vehicles for exploration of positive and negative space, placement and scale. He elects to omit unnecessary ornamentation from his compositions, choosing instead to emphasize the precision and draftsmanship he originally investigated in architecture school.

The grandson of an oil-on-canvas artist and son of a master embroidery designer, Roberto Azank went on to first study photography and later architecture at the University of Buenos Aires. In 1979 he moved to the United States where experimentation with various artistic forms and media led to his decision to pursue a career in the arts. As he continued to hone his craft, Azank began painting brightly colored abstract works in acrylics. By the late eighties, his style had evolved from abstract to figurative and he started painting in oils and found his definitive style in still life works, for which he is known with an international following.

"I find Roberto Azank's paintings absolutely bewildering," says Wired gallerist Sevan Melikyan. "They light up any room. The brilliant colors, wild contrasts, the hyperrealism touching on surrealism, not to mention the masterful execution, are just incredible to me! They certainly light up my mind!"

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Pictures, from Left to Right:

Still Life #156, with Orchid and Bread, Oil on canvas, 30 x 48 in.

Tulip Orgy, Oil on canvas, 30 x 48 in.

Still Life #257, with Dahlia, Oil on canvas, 48 x 34 in.

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