

Evey Fine Art Gallery

OPENING

Evey Fine Art Gallery featured internationally acclaimed artist **Bill Claps** for their opening exhibition *Origins* - an exclusive selection of early drawings and new mixed media artworks shown within a unique setting of rare collectibles from Ancient Egypt and Rome. The exhibition will run through January 30th and will be open Monday through Saturday from 11am-7pm.

The exhibition traces Claps' creative development back to its origins, following his signature process of using contemporary materials and techniques to capture the essence of past artistic traditions, all the way back to his initial line, by featuring his sensuous figurative drawings, which concisely capture fleeting moments, charged with dynamic movement, erotic anticipation and delicate vulnerability.

Origins also pairs Claps new works of Egyptian desertscapes with antiquities of Ancient empires that narrate stories from everyday life and explore the continuum of life and death. Egypt and its ancient mysteries have captivated the imagination of many generations, sparking time and again waves of Egyptomania throughout history. It is the same, inherently human search for origin and ingenuity that drives the work of artist Bill Claps, and led him into the Egyptian desert to create an homage to this ancient heritage. Luxurious desertscapes - created with a unique mixed media process developed by the artist himself that combines photography, printing, painting, and digital technologies, evoke the spirit of heroic explorers venturing out into the vastness of the unknown. These recent works, shown for the first time in this exhibition, are an extension of his *Natural Abstractions* series.

Evey Fine Art Gallery features internationally established contemporary artists in curated exhibits alongside classical sculpture and European Fine Art offering a new perspective on how to integrate old world aesthetics within the 21st Century zeitgeist. The Gallery is located on 329 Worth Avenue, Via Roma VI. For more information visit www.evey-fineart.com or call 773.703.3480.

FIRST ROW: Carla Berenice Groh, owner of Evey Fine Art Gallery; Artist Bill Claps and guests; **SECOND ROW:** Todd Hutcheson, Lisa Anastos and Bill Claps; Bill Claps with art collector Linda Hartz; **THIRD ROW:** Bill Claps and Pikula family; **FOURTH ROW:** Guests mingling at opening, PHOTOS: CAPEHART

