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Offering a visual response to Lucien Freud's statement: "It is through observation and perception of atmosphere that the artist can register the feeling that he wishes his painting to give out," Finnish artist and Professor Riitta Nelimarkka's visceral, polychromatic photomontage on Plexiglas compositions are in synch with Freud's perception, offering a labyrinth of the subconscious. Employing the language of painting on Plexiglas to visualize her alter ego, Elise, and Elise's magical companions, Riitta Nelimarkka's whimsical compositions boast a synergy of exhilarated emotion and pathos. Fusing the duality of human beings with fictional characters, her colorful story telling paintings intermingle an alchemy of the human spirit with remarkable figures that revert between imagination and reality. Filtered through the artist's perceptions and emotions, she explores the intersection of texture and color, resulting in a dynamic blend of the actual and the imagined which enchant the viewer through its striking composition and incredible coloration optical journey.

As she bridges the gap between figurative and abstract, natural reality and natural illusion, an infinite spectrum of animated perception and interaction result in visceral artistic visions which transform into a humerous, visual vortex. Inviting the viewer into her lush, timeless world that is at once familiar and fantastical, a dreamlike utopia permeates Riitta Nelimarkka's oeuvre. Oscillating between abstraction and representation, she admittedly weaves colors and textures with both allegorical symbols and fantasy-like figures. Adeptly layering her animated imagery into her created visual poems, Ms. Nelimarkka re-imagines forms with vibrant, dazzling colors whose gestures curve, arch and dive into dream-like depths. While communicating her inner self through her colorific photomontage on plexiglass, Ms. Riitta Nelimarkka's creates powerful, thought-provoking works which are inspired by her empathetic reactions to humankind and their relation to circumstances.

Undeniably, it is the arresting color palette in these works which immediately impresses upon first sight. Powerfully integrating an intensity of flushed vibrant hues into each kaleidoscopic composition, swirling, expressionistic brushstrokes and a luscious jewel-tone color palette complement the intriguing scenes. Extraordinary tones burst forth as she enervates every color in the spectrum, energizing our interaction with the universe. Providing a window into a diverse cultural and emotional universe, Riitta Nelimarkka's dazzling panoramas incandescently illuminate sublime emotional vistas with passion, depth of emotion and sensitivity. In a world of constant change and flux, Riitta Nelimarkka's compositions reflect hope, renewal and regeneration.

Radiating the joy of life, Finnish Professor Riitta Nelimarkka's remarkable and diversified oeuvre also includes graphic art, textile art, animated films, paintings, poetry as well as being renowned as a noted author. Internationally exhibited throughout Finland and Europe including England, France, Monaco, Italy, Turkey, Russia, Monaco, Germany, as well as Peru, this virtuosic artist also exhibits in New York, and her artwork is prized in both private and public collections. Globally recognized as a world-wide art star and catapulted to the international art arena, Riitta Nelimarkka has established a global reputation and Amsterdam Whitney Gallery is proud to shine the spotlight on this cosmopolitan shining star!