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BEN WOOLFITT: An important exhibit of new works
May 29 – June 23

Oeno is proud to present Ben Woolfitt's first solo show in Canada in five years. This welcome return to paintings and works on paper continues his dramatic journey of renewal. "His art is more luminous than ever, with up to fifty layers of semi-transparent high-gloss paint, and a rich final glazing of the acrylic emulsion, Top Coat, suffusing the whole with a vitreous gleam," notes art critic, Ken Carpenter. "I have no doubt that Ben Woolfitt is moving on from strength to strength."

As the founder of the highly successful international enterprise, Woolfitt's Art Supplies, and a respected teacher of studio art, Woolfitt has inspired fellow artists for more than 30 years while also ensuring that he can continue to create on his own terms. "Painting is from the heart," Woolfitt emphasizes. "There are thousands of people making art in this world. If one wants to have his voice heard, it must be strong and clear."

His evocative and poetic drawings, paintings and etchings have been exhibited since 1969 and are represented in public, private and corporate collections worldwide. Woolfitt has taught and lectured widely in Canada, China and India.

Oeno Gallery showcases contemporary Canadian fine art and occasional treasures from elsewhere. The gallery features paintings, works in mixed media, and sculptures in ceramic, metal, marble and wood. It has just re-opened at a new location, next to Huff Estates Inn and Winery, just north of Bloomfield, Ontario.

Exhibition open daily: May 29 – June 23, 10 am - 6 pm

Opening reception: May 30, from 3pm – 7pm

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