

'Sand and Sky' fill alumna's painting exhibit

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“Series in Sand and Sky,” an exhibit of paintings by Gay Summer Rick, AU class of 1979, is on display through Sunday, July 29, 2012 at the BG Gallery (Bleicher/Golightly). There will be a closing reception Saturday July 21, from 6:30-10 p.m. (The exhibit will be closed Friday, July 14-Sunday, July 16 for a private function.)

The Pacific Coast Highway surges northward from Dana Point, CA racing the ocean for 655 miles before disappearing without a trace just near the lone gas station in Leggett, CA. People come from all over the world just to have the view fly by their windows at 60 miles an hour. In her new exhibition "Series in Sand and Sky," Gay pulls the car over, ensuring that you don't miss some of the most stunning views along this All American Road.

The paintings feel as though she's snuck up on these settings unaware. "After the Crowds" captures the loneliness of an empty beach moments before the sun goes down. All that seems to distinguish the road from the water at the hour of dusk are the silvery strands that stretch along the "Quiet Highway." Gay uses a palette knife to layer harmonizing colors onto the canvas, giving a sense that each scene is alive just under the surface.

The BG Gallery is at 1431 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Hours are Sundays-Wednesdays, noon-6 p.m. and Thursdays-Saturdays, noon-10 p.m. For more information call 310.451.9983 or go to

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