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### **Private Public Gallery Presents: Susan Wides – Voice of Silence**

*September 28, 2024 – November 3, 2024*

*Opening Reception: Saturday, September 28, 3–5 PM*

**Private Public Gallery | Hudson, NY**

Private Public Gallery is proud to announce *Voice of Silence*, a solo exhibition by acclaimed artist Susan Wides, running from September 28 through November 3, 2024. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, September 28, from 3 PM to 5 PM, with the artist in attendance.

Wides' exhibition explores the silent power of nature through her distinctive lens-based photographs. This body of work, displayed for the first time at Private Public Gallery following its debut at the Hudson River Museum, captures the interplay of light, water, and foliage, transforming natural phenomena into vibrant, abstract compositions. The exhibition will be accompanied by a publication featuring a poem by renowned poet Robert Kelly, written in response to the photographs, and an essay by Marisa Espe.

Wides' practice is grounded in her intimate engagement with the landscape of the Catskills. Her work, the result of a daily immersion in nature, reflects the changing rhythms of light and time, pushing the boundaries of traditional photography into the realms of abstraction, painting, and music. Through innovative manipulation of the camera's focal properties, Wides creates images that challenge perception, evoking a deep emotional resonance.

As Robert Kelly expresses in his poem:

"We have heard, heard of,  
the Voice of Silence.  
Here is its face—  
a tumult of colors  
silencing form..."

*Voice of Silence* invites viewers to reconsider how they see the world, offering a meditative exploration of nature's quiet beauty and its potential for renewal, while subtly underscoring the urgency of ecological preservation.

### **About the Artist**

Susan Wides has established a renowned career as a photographer and installation artist. Known for her deep engagement with both urban and natural landscapes, her work has been exhibited in over 25 solo shows, including a major retrospective at the Hudson River Museum. Wides' pieces are held in collections at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, The Brooklyn Museum, and The Art Museum of Princeton University, among others.

**About Private Public Gallery**

Private Public Gallery, located in Hudson, NY, is a gallery and cultural venue committed to showcasing large-scale and significant works by contemporary artists from the Hudson Valley and beyond. Founder Christopher Freeman is dedicated to creating opportunities for artists to present ambitious projects that push the boundaries of traditional exhibition spaces.

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