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Wanda Koop: Reflect

November 2 — December 21, 2018

Franklin Parrasch Gallery is pleased to present *Wanda Koop: Reflect*, its first exhibition of paintings by the Winnipeg-based artist.

The paintings in this show, which evoke the effects of lurid, shimmering reflections on bodies of water, function together as a suite of color poems. Specifically, this series embodies the artist's refusal of feelings of horror and hopelessness that she had been experiencing related to recent acts of violence towards women and girls in her city. Although Koop (b. 1951) has, for decades, led and been actively involved in successful community arts initiatives for at-risk children and youth in her neighborhood, during the **summer of 2017** she felt the need to seek solace within her own practice and in the natural world. Connecting with the experience of one's peaceful contemplation of a body of water, these works invite a multileveled dialogue with beauty.

Koop has said that her abstract works are less about mining illusory responses and more about the materiality of the medium and the immediacy of the painted moment. Addressing the nebulous interface between nature and culture, Koop's work often employs the familiar themes, tropes, and framing devices that landscape artists have developed over centuries, prompting the viewer to consider the ways in which contemporary technologies alter our perceptions of the visual realm. Their rich colors and quivering vertical and horizontal marks grant the viewer a moment to be immersed in the visual and psychological experience of reflection.

Wanda Koop: Reflect will be on view at Franklin Parrasch Gallery, 53 E 64th Street, New York, NY, from November 2—December 21, 2018. An opening reception for the artist will take place November 2 from 6-8pm. For images, biography, and further information, please contact the gallery at info@franklinparrasch.com or at 212-246-5360 during business hours: 10a-6p, Tuesday-Saturday.