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AFTER TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES FINE ARTIST HITS THE GROUND SPRINTING Ohio Fine Artist Re-Enters Professional Art World Into Immediate International Spotlight.

Local fine artist, Linda Gross Brown, has made a grand entrance back into the professional art world. After having attained a Bachelor's and Master's degree and having a successful career underway, she put everything on hold when her husband was killed and focused on raising her two sons. Now, remarried and with her sons both grown, she has opened her new studio, embraced painting again, and been accepted into the prestigious 11th annual International Association of Pastel Societies show at the Butler Institute of American Art, the very first competition she entered after picking up the brush again.

Though Linda Gross Brown received a formal education in fine arts from Kent State University, the native of Ohio was a child apprentice of her father's genial understanding and use of color. Looking at one of her pastel works, it becomes obvious that a mastery of color and light is in her blood.

When asked to comment about the nature of her work, she responds, "I try to paint a beautiful and peaceful place where anyone can go to meditate, and this allows me to preserve a certain quality of light. Late in the day, early morning, sunrise or sunset. Soft pastel is such a wonderful medium to work with, just magical."

It is quite fitting that this internationally-recognized juried exhibition will be taking place at "The Butler" (The Butler Institute of American Art) in Youngstown, a point of pride for Ohio, being the first museum of American art. And so it is fitting that Linda Gross Brown, another point of pride for Ohio, be included in such an exclusive exhibition. The piece, "A Cold Walk," will be representing her body of work. This pastel piece draws us in, and then in further, showing us a private walk through a quiet forest, through a deep blanket of snow, and through a chamber of haunting light - Linda Gross Brown's signature.

She is an understated, powerful artist, and the world humbly welcomes her back into her element in a most fitting show at the Butler.

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