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## Matilde Calamai



**17 December 2013 – 9 January 2014 at Agora Gallery, New York**

The original work of Italian artist Matilde Calamai is now on view at Chelsea's Agora Gallery in *The Odyssey Within*. The exhibition is scheduled to run through January 9, 2014. The opening reception will be held on Thursday night, December 19, 2013 from 6-8 pm. Art lovers are warmly welcomed to attend and find inspiration through her captivating works.

Italian artist Matilde Calamai creates abstract visions as compelling as they are mysterious. Combining an abstract and figurative approach, Calamai takes familiar shapes and forms and transforms them into liminal spaces that push the boundaries of all we know, opening up new vistas of perception. Intertwined throughout is a strong emphasis on emotive exploration, achieved through layers of bold decisive colors and textures that are infused on the canvas in unexpected ways. Much of Calamai's work has been inspired by her travels through the African continent, and this influence can be seen in the colors and materials that dominate her art. Even though there are figurative elements, her art transcends the traditional, as she creates a free and experimental style of expression that allows her to go deeper within. As Calamai explains, "It is for me an experimental journey, which keeps me searching for strong emotions to mutate into a colored atmosphere."

In addition to her artistic pursuits, Matilde Calamai is also a poetess, author, lyricist, journalist, and television host. She recently published a new book "Paola Beyond Words." She currently lives and works in Italy.

1. Matilde Calamai, *City Gold-Silver*, 2013, Mixed Media &..., 20" x 24"
2. Matilde Calamai, *City And the Sea*, 2012, Mixed Media & Acrylic on Canvas, 24" x 31.5"
3. Matilde Calamai, *City Night*, 2013, Acrylic on Canvas, 20" x 28"

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