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Pas de Deux by Andrea Petitto

Andrea Petitto: Wind and Sand
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Opening June 24 and on view until July 23rd, the Copley Society of art's newest exhibition in the Red Room Gallery, *Wind and Sand*, features the work of artist Andrea Petitto. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, June 24th from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the ColSo gallery at 158 Newbury Street in Boston. All members are admitted free of charge, while non-members are asked to contribute \$10 to support gallery programming.

Andrea Petitto's serene oil paintings feature the dunes of outer Cape Cod, particularly the dunes in Truro and Provincetown. With extensive use of the palette knife, Petitto aims to create scenes in which the viewer can hear and feel the wind that sculpted the sand into dunes. These pieces are representational but express the essentials of the subject with a minimum of detail.

Petitto earned her bachelor's degree from Tufts University and her PhD from Cornell. She has also studied at Harvard Medical School, University of California San Diego, and the University of Rochester. She turned to the art world later in life, taking courses in portraiture, figure drawing, landscape painting, and encaustic.

The Copley Society of art (ColSo), America's oldest non-profit organization, is committed to the advancement, enjoyment, and promotion of its member artists and the visual arts. The organization, founded in 1879, comprises juried artists who are selected by a credentialed art committee. ColSo provides artists with a gallery for exhibiting and selling their work and a platform for engaging and educating the community.

The Copley Society of art is located at 158 Newbury Street in Boston. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday 11-6, Sunday 12-5, and Monday by appointment.

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Please visit our website, www.copleysociety.org, to view images from the full exhibition. Please contact the gallery for more high-resolution images – 617.536.5049.