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"The mind which plunges into Surrealism, relives with burning excitement the best part of childhood," Andre Breton. The fantastic quality of her work is a compilation of many sources of inspiration, from Renaissance theory to Etruscan art. Themes from her previous collections have built upon both mythological and biblical themes as well as hinting at a certain self-referentiality that effects both author and viewer. Her heavy, confident brush stroke allows for a straightforward technique that invites the viewer to indulge in the theme.

The message in Ms. Galesi's work is clear, an innovative, modern take on a classical theme. In paintings such as "Escape from the Labyrinth," Ms. Galesi explores the relationship of man with his surroundings. The rigid skyline frames the top of the painting while a sheet of heavenly light bathes the figures and wild animals that intermix at the bottom. Though the palette is dark, it is the placement of the subtle golden tones, linking the sky line and progress to the human figures below. "Metamorphosis II" exemplifies the same thoughtfulness of theme as well as a lighter palette and painting technique, all ultimately contributing as proof of Ms. Galesi's range as a contemporary artist. The softer fictional creatures float weightlessly into the rosy sky while themes of an earthly connection between land and sea.

Ms. Galesi is an achieved artist who received her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts in Psychology at the University of Colorado. In addition, Ms. Galesi has studied at the "Art Students' League" in New York and under Ben Long in Florence, where she focused on portraiture. She taught artistic technique in America and in Florence, and in 1987 she won New York's "National Art Centre" competition. Ms. Galesi has received numerous other accolades and has exhibited her paintings in galleries throughout the world.