





Sketching on the Pont des Arts, oil on linen, 18 x 24  $\!\!^{"}$ 



Apples, Pears, and Oranges, oil on linen, 16 x 20"



Symphony in White, oil on linen, 16 x 20"

## Sweet clarity

atie Swatland is filled with things to say about life and wants to express herself in the clearest, most beautiful way possible.

"I must know why I want to paint something, what I want to say with my painting, and I must have a clear understanding of my materials and tools," says Swatland. "Painting is a celebration and a glorious privilege of life...it is a way to set voyage and explore new directions."

Swatland says it's a great fortune to have Richard Schmid as a teacher and mentor.

"He graciously shares his knowledge and experience with me, and has opened up my eyes to the infinite possibilities that lie in painting," she says. "He has unlocked a glorious world of light."

Schmid says, "Katie is like my first

German shepherd: she understands everything the first time, she applies it immediately, and she does not forget it. More importantly, what she does with her painting is as beautiful and thoughtful as she is."

Rehs Contemporary Galleries, Inc., is Swatland's exclusive agent.

"Katie's passion and dedication for painting has enabled her to reach a level of expertise that only a few before have done at such an early stage in their career," says gallery owner Howard L. Rehs. "Over the past five years, we have watched Katie develop into a confident and skilled painter whose unyielding determination and drive is equally matched by her sensitivity and passion for expression. Katie will make her mark on the art world."



