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**Taglialatella Galleries pleased to present the glass mosaic sculptures of Jean Wells**

New York, New York: Taglialatella Galleries is pleased to represent and exhibit works by celebrated artist **Jean Wells (American b. 1949)** in its New York City, Palm Beach and Paris locations. The artist's opulent glass mosaic sculptures inspired by popular culture are an exciting complement to the Taglialatella Galleries signature selection of artworks that includes important works of Andy Warhol and the American Pop Art movement, as well as 1980s and contemporary masters influenced by Pop Art.

Jean Wells has established an impressive exhibition record and an international reputation with her playfully acerbic glass mosaic sculptures. The artist recreates the familiar, often nostalgic motifs of popular commercial culture; be it the classic ice cream sundae, a sumptuous cheeseburger or the simple *Hershey's Kiss* with transcendent results. Technically brilliant and infused with the vibrant life, light and color of southern California where the artist works, Jean Wells sculptures resonate with rich visual and intellectual pleasures.

Allusive of a larger art historical narrative, the sculptures are filled with associations that invoke Andy Warhol and Claus Oldenburg with traces of Wayne Thiebaud and Nikki de Saint Phalle. The artist strikes thematic chords familiar in post-modern discourse, but unlike many projects that establish visual authority through technology or industrial production, Jean Wells creates her works by hand in an exacting and ancient tradition that is an earned inheritance from her father, master mosaic artist Thomas Wells.

Apprenticed to her father at an early age the artist learned the painstaking craft and iconography of classical Byzantine-style mosaic art, as well as a foundation of traditional skills which have allowed the mature artist the facility and freedom to improvise and dream in a brilliant visual language of her own. For further information about the artist please contact the gallery. Taglialatella Galleries in New York City is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00pm.

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