

TESTIMONIAL – JCU Center for Career Services, Spring 2016

My name is Francesca Gallo, I have been a Degree-Seeking student of John Cabot University from September 2012 to May 2015, when I graduated with honors in **Art History**.

Very soon after my graduation, thanks to **John Cabot University's Center for Career Services**, I had the chance to start a full time internship with **Dorothy**

Circus Gallery, a contemporary art gallery in the heart of Rome owned and directed by Alexandra Mazzanti. This gallery focuses on exhibiting and sponsoring Pop Surrealism, a contemporary art movement born in the USA but now popular all over the world. Since the very first days, Dorothy Circus Gallery has stood out as a special place where I have met amazing people and gained an extremely wide knowledge about the management of an art gallery.

In addition to the magic atmosphere that harbors inside its rooms, **working in this gallery gave me the opportunity to learn the thousands nuances belonging to a gallery and sales assistant's life**, from setting up the exhibitions and communicating with artists, collectors, visitors, and institutions, to managing sales and advertisement, as well as writing and translating texts of various kinds. While working at Dorothy Circus Gallery, I have also learnt some basic skills related to marketing and, day by day, I have got to know better the international art market.

I have been interning in this beautiful place since June 2015 and I have loved every day spent there. **Everything I have learnt represents for me the basis on which I plan to build my future**. My goal is indeed to advance my career towards visual arts management and curating, in order to work in museums, galleries, and institutions during the following years. **Interning at Dorothy Circus Gallery has been the perfect long- term experience to develop new skills and improve my abilities**, as well as to get prepared for my future studies in contemporary art and curating.

I would highly recommend this internship to all those students who, just like me, wish to further their studies and career towards curating and the contemporary art world.



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