

SUROVEK GALLERY

Like father like son: Worth Avenue gallery owners John and Clay Surovek specialize in significant works of 19th and 20th-century American art.

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The Surovek Gallery, owned by the father and son team of John Surovek and Clay Surovek since 1997, first opened its doors in 1976. The distinguished Worth Avenue gallery specializes in 19th and 20th-century American art. Showcased in 3,500 square feet of space that has been likened to a living room, prospective buyers can comfortably peruse the inventory of hundreds of pieces of art acquired through private collections and estates throughout the country. John began his foray into the art world as a museum director in the early 70s. "I practically grew up on the steps of the Art Institute of Chicago," he says. Son Clay has literally worked in the gallery since grade school. "I have been around this business my whole life," he says. "You can say I was born into it." Both agree the Island is the perfect locale for the gallery. "We have so many wonderful clients here who love the aesthetic," John says. For information, call 561/832-0422 or visit www.surovekgallery.com.



ABOVE: Artist Mary Cassatt's *Children Playing With A Cat,* circa 1908, an oil on canvas created in 1908. **TOP RIGHT:** *False Start* , circa 1962, by Jasper Johns is a signed and numbered lithograph in plate. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Renowned artist Alexander Calder's *Pisces*, circa 1975, is a metal, brass and wire piece, inscribed and dated AC 75.