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Largest Gallery Hop of the Year Celebrates Holidays with Art, Small Businesses, Makers, & More

Short North Arts District galleries, businesses, and Pop-Up Shop vendors offer the gift of art

COLUMBUS, OH (November 21, 2019) -- On Saturday, December 7, from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m., celebrate art -- and the most wonderful time of the year -- at Holiday Hop in the Short North Arts District! The December Gallery Hop, appropriately deemed Holiday Hop, will feature various "small works" exhibitions and offerings from local galleries that are perfect for gifting; the Holiday Hop Pop-Up Shop presented by Graduate Columbus, including artisan vendors and makers; festive holiday performances up and down High Street, including a few visits from Santa; and more.

This Holiday Season, the Short North Arts District encourages residents and visitors to "shop with their art and soul," by buying from small and local businesses, artists, makers, and entrepreneurs. The 2019 Holiday Hop provides plenty of opportunities to do so through galleries featuring holiday exhibitions such as Brandt-Roberts Galleries, Hammond Harkins Galleries, Marcia Evans Gallery, (Not) Sheep Gallery, and Studios on High Gallery. Le Méridien Columbus, The Joseph will host ArtPop, featuring art for sale, along with the opportunity to meet the artists. Additionally, Stonewall Columbus will hold its second annual Happy & Gay Holiday Craft Market from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m., featuring goods from LGBTQIA owned and/or affirming crafters, makers, and small businesses.

In addition to Holiday Hop, the Short North Arts District will feature holiday programming throughout the month of December, including the Holiday Trail presented by Huntington National Bank, running from Dec. 1 through 31; the Holiday Bazaar and District Tree Lighting on Dec. 1; Sundays with Santa, where Santa will pop up at various retailers throughout the District on Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22; and holiday performances on High Street each weekend from Dec. 1 through 22. For more information on holiday happenings in the Short North Arts District, visit shortnorth.org/holidays.

See the complete list of December Gallery Hop exhibitions and events below, and download corresponding photos [here](#).

For visitors making their way to the Short North Arts District for Gallery Hop, or any other weekend, visit shortnorth.org/parking-transit or download the Parking and Transit Guide [here](#).

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Short North Gallery Exhibitions

Brandt-Roberts Galleries

Brandt-Roberts Galleries will feature new work by Ohio artist Jason Morgan for Holiday Hop. Jason will be present at the gallery from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, to share his hyperrealistic paintings. Brandt-Roberts Galleries will also have a selection of artworks large and small for giving the gift of art for the holidays. The exhibition will be on view starting December 7 through December 29.

Hammond Harkins Galleries

On December 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Holiday Hoppers are invited to the opening reception of one of Hammond Harkins Galleries' most popular exhibits of the year, *Small & Wonderful*. In celebration of the 140th Anniversary of the Columbus College of Art and Design, this year's installment of the gallery's annual holiday tradition will have a special focus on graduates and affiliates of CCAD. Participating artists include: Laura Alexander, Laura Bidwa, Tim Brown*, Annie Chrissy Burley*, Mark Bush*, Sarah Fairchild*, Linda Gall, Elizabeth Gerdeman*, Dennison Griffith*, Alteronce Gumby, Paul Hamilton*, Andrew Hendrixson, Philip R. Jackson*, Janice Lessman-Moss, Stephanie Lüning, Andrea Myers, Kaveri Raina, Faith Ringgold, Aminah Robinson*, Tariku Shiferaw, Mariana Smith*, Karen Snouffer, Carol Stewart, Melissa Vogley Woods, Pamela Workman*, and Erin Wozniak*. (* denotes affiliation with CCAD.) *Small & Wonderful* will be on view December 7 through January 19, 2020.

Lindsay Gallery

In 1999, Duff Lindsay quit a perfectly good job to do something crazy -- open an art gallery -- which turned out to be one of the best decisions he has ever made. Holiday Hoppers are invited to join Lindsay Gallery for its 20th Anniversary celebration. To commemorate the occasion, the gallery will be exhibiting many artists it has shown throughout the years, including Ashley Pierce, Morris Jackson, Harry Underwood, Janis Price, Joey Monsoon, William Hawkins, Ricky Barnes, Stephen Sabo, Amber Groome, Elijah Pierce, Antoinette Savage, Bill Miller, Meghan Willis, Robert Falcone, Mike Egan, Steve Moseley, Stephen Warde Anderson, Lonnie Holley, Wallace Peck, Roy Butcher, Damian Valdes Dilla, Levent Isik, Katie Kikta, Steve Ehret, Mike Jones, John Taylor-Lehman, Kendall Polster, Mark Thomas, Troy Stith, Popeye Reed, and Paul Patton. The exhibition will be on view through February 23, 2020.

Marcia Evans Gallery

During Holiday Hop, Marcia Evans Gallery will show *Artful Holiday Gifts*, featuring great handmade gifts by gallery artists for the holidays, such as tiny scenes of the Short North Arts District; beautiful paintings of birds and winter scenes, along with a few colorful abstract paintings; and handmade winter scarves, beeswax candles, and jewelry all made in Ohio. *Artful Holiday Gifts* will be in view starting December 7, through December 31.

(Not) Sheep Gallery

On December 7, (Not) Sheep Gallery will feature the group show *Sheep/Not Sheep* -- a delightful play on words about the gallery's name, politics, and the tribal nature of animals and people. New work by artists Sue Cavanaugh, Char Norman, Izumi Yokoyama, Richard Garriott-Stejskal, Juliellen Byrne, Deborah Griffing, Priscilla Roggenkamp, Ann Kim, Kim Goldfarb, and guest artist Alice Zilberberg will be on display, including many witty pieces that are small and gift-able. *Sheep/Not Sheep* will be on view from December 1 through December 30.

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Sarah Gormley Gallery

During Holiday Hop, Sarah Gormley Gallery will open *Revivalism*, a series of paintings by Adam Brouillette that depict characters thriving against the odds in hostile landscapes, prepared for the hazard, and constantly seeking brightness. The series represents a search for renewed beauty in a hostile world. Everyday people are bombarded with information, most of it negative in nature, and it has become an act of rebellion to slow down, turn off the news feeds, and find beauty in the world. For this series, Adam Brouillette seeks to do just that, using his familiar characters and aesthetic. *Revivalism* will be on view at Sarah Gormley Gallery from December 7 through December 31.

Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio

Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio, together with "CCAD Grads in the Galleries," welcomes the public to attend an artist's opening reception on Saturday, December 7, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. during Holiday Hop. The gallery will feature the solo exhibition, *Heads*, a salon-style painting installation by Columbus-based artist, educator, and CCAD 1985 alum Robert Tavani. Sean Christopher Gallery is one of the participating Columbus venues celebrating CCAD's 140th Anniversary by featuring work during 2019 by CCAD graduates.

Following his years as a student at CCAD, Tavani went on to receive an MFA in painting from The Ohio State University, and an MA in art therapy from the University of Illinois. Tavani has taught studio arts and art therapy at many colleges in Ohio, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. Currently, the artist teaches at Capital University and is a Clubhouse Specialist with Concord Counseling Services. Tavani has exhibited his artworks at many notable galleries including Contemporary Art Center, Cincinnati; Threadwaxing Space, New York, NY; Diverseworks, Houston, TX and Ten in One Gallery, Chicago, IL. Tavani has also graciously accepted Sean Christopher Gallery's invitation to be a guest juror for its February 2020 Ninth Annual Young Hearts Juried Exhibition, exclusively featuring select artworks by current CCAD students. *Heads* will continue through January 25, 2020.

Sharon Weiss Gallery

During Holiday Hop, Sharon Weiss Gallery will feature *Portfolio.*, a new collection of oils and mixed media paintings by Rick Akers. *Portfolio.* marks Rick Akers' 23rd solo opening with Sharon Weiss Gallery, and will feature an array of subject matter, including landscapes, cloudscapes, lilyscapes, still lifes, and Columbus scenes. Akers is a graduate of the University of Dayton, with a BFA in commercial design, who currently works out of his 1822 historic home studio and surrounding area of Somerset, Ohio. The majority of Akers' work is done plein air and with a palette knife. *Portfolio.* will be on view from December 6 through December 29.

Sherrie Gallerie

Holiday Hoppers can build their unique style with wearable creativity at Sherrie Gallerie. During Holiday Hop, Sherrie Gallerie will open a curated men's jewelry exhibition featuring over 15 local and national artists. Also opening during Holiday Hop is Wesley Harvey's new exhibition *Mistaken for Love*, full of playful, cheeky, giftable functional ceramics abundant with queer theory, pop culture, and nostalgic spoofs. These works will be on view through December 24.

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Studios on High Gallery

Studios on High Gallery will continue to show *The Art of Gifting*, featuring smaller works by gallery artists that are perfect for holiday giving. Works in the exhibition include prints by Jennifer Jolley Brown, fine jewelry by Carole Bucklew, figurative paintings by Tracy Greenwalt, beaded jewelry by Mikelle Hickman-Romine, glass works by Beth Himsworth, whimsical ceramic critters by Judy Hoberg, mixed media landscapes and abstractions by Marty Husted, textiles by Deb Johnson, mixed media abstractions by Susie Jordan, encaustic paintings by Kim Covell Maurer, ceramics by Bill Meyer, polymer jewelry by Nancy Nearing, ceramic sculpture by Denise Romecki, oil landscapes and still lifes by Annette Simon, wood veneer lamps by Ben Sostrom, atmospheric landscapes by Teda Theis, and cityscapes by Jessica Wojtasek. *The Art of Gifting* will remain on view through January 2, 2020.

Wexner Center for the Arts

During Holiday Hop, Wexner Center for the Arts will feature the exhibition *HERE* by Ann Hamilton, Jenny Holzer, and Maya Lin, as well as *Ursula* by the Columbus-based FluxFlow Dance Project at 8 p.m. in the Center's Performance Space.

In a performance at the intersection of theater, dance, and original music, *Ursula* explores power dynamics and malleable definitions of freedom within the world of a fictional circus.

HERE explores ideas of place, time, language, and perception through projects by three highly influential, Ohio-born visual artists whose careers align with the 30-year life of the Wexner Center. While Hamilton, Holzer, and Lin are peers, *HERE* marks the first time they've exhibited together. Through contemplative yet distinct formal vocabularies, the works featured in *HERE* cultivate new connections to our surroundings. Presented in celebration of the Wexner Center's 30th anniversary, *HERE* fills the galleries while activating spaces beyond, with components appearing outdoors, across The Ohio State University's Columbus campus, and around the community. *HERE* will remain on view through December 29, 2019.

Other Gallery Hop Activities

Glean

Glean invites Holiday Hoppers to connect with their spirit animals! Glean will be featuring the artwork of Rebecca Ink, who creates pen and ink drawings using intricacies in her technique that will be sure to move viewers.

Global Gifts

Get into the holiday spirit at Global Gifts during Holiday Hop! Global Gifts will feature artisan-made ornaments, nativity sets, alpaca woolens, and unique gifts for everyone, as well as a sampling of fair trade coffee and hot chocolate! Sign up for a chance to win a felted wool stocking with goodies inside. The winner will be announced during Holiday Hop. During Holiday Hop, shoppers who make a purchase can also choose a festive prize from the Global Gifts giveaway tree.

Le Méridien Columbus, The Joseph

During Holiday Hop, Le Méridien Columbus, The Joseph, will host ArtPop to give Columbus a new art shopping experience. Hoppers can browse local pieces and meet the artists, enjoy a selection of free hors d'oeuvres from The Guild House and live music, and indulge in a glass of wine, craft beer, or featured craft cocktail from Soul Bar. Artists to be present include: Ty P Carroll, Larry Hamill Photography, Kim Rohrs Art, Charlotte Belland, and Alissa Ohashi.

THREAD

During Holiday Hop, THREAD will host Hive Studio, who will be personalizing ornaments in store. Shoppers can also peruse THREAD's Holiday Edit and grab a cup of hot cocoa from the hot chocolate bar.

The Table Restaurant

Holiday Hoppers can stop at The Table for dinner, and a show! The Table will host a group show featuring Paul Richmond, and other artists of (Not) Sheep Gallery.

PENZONE Salon + Spa

Join PENZONE Salons + Spas as to celebrate the Holiday season. Enjoy live music, an art gallery, service demos, and more, including an extended Happy Hour featuring half-off all drinks at the bar from 4 p.m. to 9p.m. Get a jump on holiday shopping with special gift with purchase promotions.

Skully's Music-Diner

Skully's Music-Diner is pleased to present Art Alexakis of Everclear at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 day of show. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/SkullysMusicDiner](https://www.facebook.com/SkullysMusicDiner).

Stonewall Columbus

Stonewall Columbus invites Holiday Hoppers to the second annual Happy & Gay Holiday Craft Market on Dec. 7, from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hoppers can shop from LGBTQIA owned and/or affirming crafters, makers, and small businesses.

About Gallery Hop

On the first Saturday of every month, thousands of visitors converge on High Street in the Short North Arts District for Gallery Hop. Visitors celebrate art throughout the evening with new gallery exhibitions, street performers and artisan vendors, special events, food, and drinks throughout the District. With dozens of galleries and non-traditional exhibit spaces, it's Columbus' favorite night of the month to celebrate art. Though many shops and galleries are open earlier, Gallery Hop officially starts at 4 p.m. and runs to 10 p.m., with restaurants and bars staying open considerably later.

About the Short North Arts District

The Short North Arts District is the most vibrant spot in the City of Columbus, and is home to more than 300 exciting businesses, the majority of which are locally-owned or headquartered. It has received numerous national accolades, is considered a model for urban revitalization, and is known as the art and soul of Columbus. The Short North Alliance (SNA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving both the property owners and business owners of the Short North Arts District. For more information, visit www.shorthnorth.org.

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