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First Fall Gallery Hop Brings Seven New Gallery Exhibitions and a Chance to Complete the Columbus Makes Art Passport

Summer Spray Exhibition Series concludes with local artist Shayla Loe

COLUMBUS, OH (September 27, 2022) – On Saturday, Oct. 1, art lovers are invited to the Art and Soul of Columbus for the October Gallery Hop. Columbus’ favorite day to celebrate art is set to feature seven brand new exhibitions as well as a chance to collect local-artist-designed stickers for the Columbus Makes Art Passport Booklet. Gallery Hoppers can also expect to see street performers and vendors, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., plus special promotions at local businesses and more.

October Gallery Hop is the perfect day to discover an abundance of fall art throughout local galleries of the Short North Arts District. New artworks available for view include a collaborative exhibition “Everything Contains Some Silence” at Hammond Harkins Galleries, “Under Construction” at Brandt Roberts Galleries as well as new exhibitions at Sean Christopher Gallery, Studios on High Gallery, Emergent Art + Craft, Marcia Evans Gallery, and in the Summer Spray exhibition space.

During the October Gallery Hop, Gallery Hoppers can continue to fill up their [Columbus Makes Art Passports](#) by visiting participating local galleries, including Lindsay Gallery, Sean Christopher Gallery, Emergent Art + Craft and Studios on High Gallery. The Columbus Makes Art Passport is a free booklet that lists 60+ art experiences around Columbus, with the chance to redeem completed passports online for prizes such as signed artist prints, tickets to events, and restaurant gift cards.

A full list of October’s Gallery Hop exhibitions and events are below, and corresponding photos can be downloaded [here](#). More information on Gallery Hop happenings and hours will be available at ShortNorth.org/OctoberGalleryHop and via maps available at local galleries during the event.

Gallery Hop is a project of the Short North Alliance with support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council, The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks, Music Everywhere, CD 92.9 and Industrious.

Short North Arts District Gallery Exhibitions

[Brandt-Roberts Galleries](#)

During the October Gallery Hop, Brandt-Roberts Galleries will feature “Under Construction” by Terry Rodgers. Terry Rodgers is an internationally recognized artist whose current work focuses on portraying contemporary body politics. His large-scale paintings are a compression and dissection of peoples’ rampant imaginations and mediated influences. But Terry goes beyond the representational, working in a

variety of other media from exuberant and visceral sculptures in bronze, to playful mixed media sculpture, to his gestural drawings and small paintings, to inventive constructed archival prints, and more. Together, his body of work forms a deliberately disorienting constructed whole. He has accumulated a huge stash of his own photographs, drawings, and found images to create an unexpected take on contemporary life and texture of our world.

Brandt-Roberts Galleries' October Gallery Hop hours are from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Emergent Art + Craft

Join Emergent Art + Craft for the reception of MahLeah Cochran's solo exhibition during October Gallery Hop, with a chance to meet the artist from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. With a passion for expressing life through art, MahLeah Cochran's works feature themes involving nature and the human condition. Her art is characterized by its broad diversity of subject, symbolism, color, texture, and form.

A native of Columbus, Mah Leah Cochran holds degrees in Economics and Political Science, with a minor in International Affairs, from Hofstra University in New York. She has devoted much of her energy to helping others both in her career and in her humanitarian work around the world.

Emergent Art + Craft's October Gallery Hop hours are 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hammond Harkins Galleries

Join Hammond Harkins Galleries for "Everything Contains Some Silence," Andrew Hendrixson and Amanda Love's first exhibition together. Both artists have practices that are informed by language, and by words written and spoken, hidden and quieted. Culture, poetry, language in its many forms, including the plastic arts' own vocabulary, enter their work both through subject matter and the materials they use. Love uses retired books, removing their printed pages to create gravely lyrical works from exposed spines and tears of paper: vessels of meaning with the content excised, while Hendrixson, who is also a writer and studies Theology, Philosophy, and the Arts at Duke University, employs literary texts, ancient narratives, and his own writings, to expand our understanding of art. Stop in and experience works by these artists, where books and artwork blend and looking and reading are the same conversation.

Hammond Harkins Galleries' October Gallery Hop hours are from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Marcia Evans Gallery

Marcia Evans Gallery features artist Lance Johnson during the October Gallery Hop. Lance works with various materials to celebrate the complexity of the urban environment while using vibrant colors, textures and inspirational text to convey a sense of hope and pride that is prevalent in city life.

Marcia Evans Gallery's October Gallery Hop hours are 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Pizzuti Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art

As part of FotoFocus biennial, the Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) presents "I Hear America Singing: Contemporary Photography from America" at the Pizzuti Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art. Encompassing more than 100 photographic projects at participating venues across Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, Dayton, and Columbus, the 2022 FotoFocus biennial is presented under the theme of World Record. The theme considers photography's extensive record of life on earth, humankind's impact on the natural world, and the choices we now face as a global community.

Curated by Ashley Lumb, "I Hear America Singing" was originally conceived for the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts in Amman, Jordan, where it was presented in 2021. Using a variety of formats and approaches, the sixteen photographers in this exhibition challenge the monolithic concept of American identity to highlight the diversity of lived experiences in the United States. Featured artists include Matthew Brandt, Mercedes Dorame, Lucas Foglia, Wen-Hang Lin, Michael Lundgren, Alex Maclean, Griselda San Martin, Pamela Pecchio, David Benjamin Sherry, Xaviera Simmons, For Freedoms, Greg Stimac, Millee Tibbs, Wendel White, and William Wilson.

The Pizzuti Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art's October Gallery Hop hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio

Join Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio during the October Gallery Hop for the opening reception of Chris Taylor's "Ecstatic Shadow," from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. . The emerging artist's solo exhibition will continue through Oct. 29.

Chris Taylor lives in New Albany and teaches art at the OSU campus in Newark. He has exhibited his art throughout the U.S. and in Europe, and was a recipient of a 2021 Ohio Art Council Individual Excellence Award. His hard-edge abstract paintings are sharp and bold while displaying a great deal of playfulness and ambiguity. The artist uses just a few simple figures and compositional structures to create a wide variety of complex relationships between shapes, colors, surfaces, and spaces.

Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio's October Gallery Hop hours are 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sharon Weiss Gallery

Sharon Weiss Gallery presents a Salon Exhibit of favorite artists represented by Sharon Weiss.

Sharon Weiss Gallery's October Gallery Hop hours are from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Studios on High Gallery

Studios on High Gallery presents "Between the Lines - Midwest Cityscapes" featuring artist Jessica Wojtasek, an urban landscape painter. Her show is a visual narrative of Columbus neighborhoods at dusk, emphasizing extreme angles and vantage points. The artist sought out familiar, unremarkable settings and focused on their uniqueness. She highlights the subtle qualities that sometimes go unnoticed – the simple beauty of how a cool streetlight reflects over pavement in the rain, how streets converge at a central vantage point, and crosswalks.

Wojtasek's nocturne paintings balance realism with abstraction to create an illusion of reflectivity, placing the viewer directly in the scene. These works depict the city of Columbus with drama, mood and personality.

Studios on High Gallery's October Gallery Hop hours are from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Summer Spray 2022

Join "Summer Spray 2022" participating artist Shayla Loe as she showcases an exclusive exhibition of her works at The Jackson on High., located at 1137 N. High St., from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Shayla Loe is an artist raised and currently living in Columbus Ohio. She received her BFA in Painting from The Savannah College of Art and Design and has showcased her work in a number of group shows and online exhibitions throughout Savannah and locally in Ohio. Shayla focuses on encapsulating atmospheres that transcend and connect the physical realm to the spiritual. She also uses her continuing experience as a born-again Christian to influence and form her work.

“Summer Spray” is a project of the Short North Alliance and presented by Columbus Crew with additional support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council, PNC Bank, and Paul Peterson Construction. For more information about artists, mural schedules and exhibitions, please visit shortnorth.org/summerspray.

Other October Gallery Hop Events

First Commonwealth Bank

First Commonwealth Bank is excited to be exhibiting the amazing and seasonally appropriate work of Danielle Kohan during the October Gallery Hop.

Dani is an Ohio- born artist living in Columbus. She is also an environmental scientist who loves the outdoors and is passionate about nature, themes which can be seen in her paintings. She is a self-taught painter who enjoys surrealism, lowbrow, and lots of color, and typically paints with acrylic on wood or canvas.

First Commonwealth Bank’s October Gallery Hop hours are from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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About Gallery Hop

On the first Saturday of every month, hundreds of visitors converge on High Street in the Short North Arts District to celebrate art at Gallery Hop. Throughout the day, Gallery Hoppers enjoy new gallery exhibitions, street performers and artisan vendors, special events and promotions, plus food and drinks throughout the District. With dozens of galleries and non-traditional exhibit spaces, it’s Columbus’ favorite day of the month to celebrate art. Can’t make it? Follow the day from home on the [@ShortNorthArtsDistrict Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/ShortNorthArtsDistrict).

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 and business owners of the Short North Arts District. For more information, visit www.shortnorth.org.