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May's Gallery Hop Returns with a Fresh Showcase of Local Talent and New Artwork

Experience the artistic diversity at local galleries in the Short North Arts District

COLUMBUS, OH (April 27, 2023) –Join us on May 6, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., for an inspiring evening of art and entertainment in the Short North Arts District during May Gallery Hop. This month, new and exciting exhibitions take over the District at each local gallery, including Hammond Harkins Galleries, Brandt-Roberts Galleries, and Sharon Weiss Gallery. In addition, gallery hoppers can enjoy local performers, vendors, and more throughout High St.

During May Gallery Hop, Hammond Harkins Galleries will present "In Black & White," a group show featuring three artists, Annie Chrissy Burley, Ron Stephens, and Aminah Robinson, whose works overlap in themes and techniques. Each artist's work is inspired by personal experience and a vision of a community that is inclusive and accurate in its representations.

Other group shows can be seen at Brandt-Roberts Galleries' "Windows", showcasing seven artists embracing the versatility of using the window as their subject, as well as Sean Christopher Gallery and 83 Gallery. In addition, new diverse artworks will also be available to view at Marcia Evans Gallery, Sharon Weiss Gallery, and Studios on High Gallery.

Below is a full list of the May Gallery Hop exhibitions and events; corresponding photos can be downloaded here. More information on Gallery Hop happenings and hours will be available at shortnorth.org/ 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 and Music Everywhere.

May Hop Gallery Exhibitions

83 Gallery

During the May Gallery Hop, 83 Gallery, will showcase over 180 pieces of local artwork from 66 different artists. In addition to their monthly group show, 83 Gallery hosts "Feather and Friends," a curated Market of local artists and creatives. With artwork starting at \$50, this show has something for everyone. Stop by, enjoy a glass of Mead, and support local artists.

83 Gallery's May Gallery Hop hours are 2 to 11 p.m.

Brandt-Roberts Galleries

Brandt-Roberts Galleries is delighted to present a Group Show of BRG artists Christopher Burk, Jane Carney, Teri Dryden, Cody Heichel, Jeffrey Hirst, Richard Lillash, and visiting artists Mark Bush and Alejandro Botubul.

Light or dark, open or closed, the window opening as an architectural element in paintings can serve as a composition's focal point, background, or accent. It can also be used, in a metaphorical sense, as a sign of freedom, liberation, and escapism. Windows are often seen as a bridge between two environments (inside vs. outside, known vs. unknown, reality vs. fantasy, open vs. closed, light vs. dark, or conversely dark vs. light). Windows are by design frozen in their location, yet offer a constantly changing perspective of that scene.

The formal properties of a window and its mediating role between inside and out have lent this everyday architectural element an arresting power in art. The seven artists included in this exhibition will show the versatility of using the window as their subject, some literally, others metaphorically.

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

Hammond Harkins Galleries

"In Black & White" features three artists whose works overlap in themes and technique. Annie Chrissy Burley, who received her BFA in Animation and Fine Arts from the Columbus College of Art & Design, is a mixed media artist who examines and re-envisions images of Black women from popular culture. Ron Stephens, who excels in portraits, some of famous people, others anonymous, renders in a personalized style people and moments that override communal divisions. The work of Aminah Robinson, a MacArthur Award recipient born and raised in Columbus' historic Poindexter Village, celebrates Black life and community. The works of each artist are inspired by personal experience and a vision of community that is inclusive and accurate in its representations. And all of them, which include mixed media, woodblock prints, and graphite drawings, are in black and white.

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

Marcia Evans Gallery

Stop by Marcia Evans Gallery during the May Gallery Hop to see their solo show for Columbus artist Betsy DeFusco. This exhibit explores DeFusco's walks through German Village during the Pandemic, with many photos of flowers and plants as subjects for her paintings.

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

Pizzuti Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art

"Greater Columbus" features work by artists in central Ohio who have been recognized for their outstanding talent. The exhibition represents a continuing partnership between the Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) and the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC). Featured artists include Hannah Parrett, Benedict Scheuer, Matelli Graves, Roger Beebe, George Rush, and Joshua Penrose. Presented biennially, "Greater Columbus" features work by outstanding artists based in central Ohio.

Also on view: "Was It Your Trigger Finger?" featuring work by artist Bobby T. Luck. Focusing on decolonizing modern imagery and media, Luck's work re-imagines globalization and the self by breaking down diplomatic and emotional borders through film, collage, and sculpture.

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

Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio

Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio is announcing the Sixth Annual Old School Invitational to open during the May Gallery Hop from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a public reception. This year, they celebrate a Fifty Year Reunion by featuring recent artwork by select former art students from the then-incoming 1973 Columbus College of Art and Design Freshman Class.

The exhibition will continue through June 3, ending with a closing reception from 4 to 8 p.m. during the June Gallery Hop.

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

Sharon Weiss Gallery

Sharon Weiss Gallery presents "Anita Dawson Solo Exhibition: Histories and Mysteries." During the May Gallery Hop, there will be an opening reception from 1 to 7 p.m. available to the public.

Sharon Weiss Gallery's May Gallery Hop hours are from 1 to 7 p.m.

The Little Blue House by Sharon Weiss Gallery

Stop in The Little Blue House by Sharon Weiss Gallery during the May Gallery Hop. There are four working studios and two galleries where you can talk to the artists while they paint.

The Little Blue House by Sharon Weiss Gallery's May Gallery Hop hours are from 1 to 7 p.m.

Studios on High Gallery

During the May Gallery Hop, Studios on High Gallery will exhibit their show "Along the Way." Part retrospective, part current exploration, this show features decades of the artist Bill Meyer's creative journey and artistic exploration. Utilizing a variety of media and techniques, including drawings, ceramics, and digital art, Meyer takes the viewer on a very personal tour of his life, his experiences, and his growth as both an artist and a human.

Studios on High Gallery's May Gallery Hop hours are from 4 to 8 p.m.

Other May Gallery Hop Events

Art Spot

Art lovers are encouraged to explore Art Spot, a collection of 13 window installations designed by Columbus-area artists throughout the Short North Arts District and Downtown Columbus. Each installation is designed around the theme of Climate Conversations, encouraging conversations about the climate crisis and the role of art in science communication.

Four Art Spot installations are located in the Short North Arts District between E. 4th Ave. and W. 2nd Ave. along High St. Art Spot is a Greater Columbus Art Council project. For more information about participating artists and locations, visit columbus makes art.com/artspot.

Blossom Tattoo Company

Stop by Blossom Tattoo Company at 815 N High Street during the May Gallery Hop to celebrate their expanded space and 3-year anniversary. Fine art and fresh flowers will be for sale, with refreshments available.

Blossom Tattoo Company's May Gallery Hop hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Luxe Redux Bridal

Stop by Luxe Redux Bridal during the May Gallery Hop for an open house with a shoppable section of bridal accessories, wedding wardrobe add-ons, and treats for guests.

Luxe Redux Bridal's May Gallery Hop Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Prologue Bookshop

Join Prologue Bookshop for their sidewalk sale during the May Gallery Hop. They will present a variety of discounted books for children and adults, puzzles, and more! Most sidewalk sale books are less than \$10, so it is easy to find a great book at a great price!

Prologue Bookshop's May Gallery Hop hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Skully's Music-Diner

Stop by Skully's Music-Diner to witness varying styles of Dubstep, Trap, Riddem, Drum & Bass music at their monthly party, SPACE CAMP ft. Live Electronic DJs!

Skully's Music-Diner May Gallery Hop hours are 8 p.m. to 2 a.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.

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.