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y the time this issue makes its way into your hands, summer will be in full swing. Maybe you're reading it at the beach, on a boat or while flying across the country to your favorite coastal destination. Summer is all about kicking back, but it's also about exploring. In this issue, we invite you to join us for

some informative fine-art world forays.

In part one of our "30 Under 30" feature (p. 26), we travel across the globe to bring you 15 extraordinary young artists who are changing the world of fine arts with their work. From Bryan Ramey's charcoal, ink and paint creations to Ian "Denimu" Barry's denim "paintings," I think you'll find these artists and their works as groundbreaking and fascinating as we do.

We also hit the road for "Anatomy of an Art Colony" (p. 36), in which we profile artist colonies from New Hampshire to New Mexico. Fine-arts grants and residencies are now seeing cutbacks nationwide, so artist communities such as these play a vital role in creating business for many artists.

Through artist colonies and gatherings, artists are finding local support; through the Internet and social media, they're becoming part of the national and international arts community. Large-scale fine-art fairs are unique in that they connect artists, publishers, gallery owners and buyers—both online and in person. Don't miss our coverage of Artexpo New York (p. 16), which explores one of this year's biggest fine-art gatherings.

And, as writer Julie Jacobs learns from speaking with gallery owners (p. 14), community involvement—such as partnering with charities and scheduling special events—is critical to surviving the summertime decrease in sales.

Wherever your summer travels take you, I hope it's a time of relaxation and renewal. Before you know it, the autumn buying season will be upon us with a flurry of new artists, new works and new shows. To assist you in your autumn planning, we've included an overview of fall's biggest and best art fairs—including SPECTRUM New York and Miami—on page 10.

Enjoy the issue!

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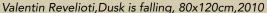
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LESSONS FROM THE MASTER

A NEW EXHIBIT AT THE VAN GOGH MUSEUM REDEFINES THE ARTIST'S PROCESS

ight years of research have softened the "mad artist" image often ascribed to Vincent van Gogh. A new exhibit at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam provides visitors with an opportunity to see how the master actually honed his craft.

Since 2005, a multidisciplinary team of researchers from the Van Gogh Museum, the Dutch Cultural Heritage Agency and Shell has examined the artist's work through the use of electron microscopes and X-ray fluorescence spectrometry. Their research has trumped the common myth of van Gogh's "manic" process, museum director Axel Rüger told the New York Times, and indicates that van



"Self-portrait as a Painter," Vincent van Gogh



Vincent van Gogh

Gogh was "a very methodical artist."

"He was actually someone who knew very well about the properties of the materials he used, how to use them, and also he created very deliberate compositions," said Rüger. "In that sense it's a major insight in that it gives us a better notion of van Gogh the artist. He was very goal-oriented."

The studies reveal that as a novice, van Gogh used frames and guides to capture proportion and depth in his landscapes. Research also suggests that his color palette was even more vibrant than it now appears. Unstable chemical compounds may have caused pigments to lose their saturation over time: the violet walls of "The Bedroom" melted to blue, and pink flower blossoms faded to white.

After seven months of renovation, the Van Gogh Museum reopened on May 1 with its 40th anniversary exhibition, "Van Gogh at Work." Van Gogh's "Self-Portrait as a Painter" crowns the gallery, along with 150 paintings that illuminate his process, craft and studio space.

"We have put together a fantastic jubilee exhibition, based on eight years' research, with unique loans and remarkable combinations of artworks," said Rüger.

Curators reunited pieces from van Gogh's collections, including "Sunflowers" from the National Gallery in London and versions of "The Bedroom" from the Art Institute of Chicago. His work is displayed alongside his contemporaries, including Monet, Gauguin, Seurat and Bernard.

The exhibit, on display through January 2014, includes the artist's letters, sketchbooks, paint tubes and only surviving palette, on loan from the Musée d'Orsay in Paris. Like the researchers, visitors can view X-ray photographs of the artist's revisions and examine his sand-speckled paints through a microscopic lens. Visitors also have the opportunity to map the growth of the artist through his various artistic stages. vangoghmuseum.nl





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LOOKING AHEAD

A SPECTRUM OF EAST-COAST EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL & WINTER 2013

here will you be the weekend of October 3-6? If you're an emerging, independent artist on the East Coast, you may be showcasing your works at New York City's Affordable Art Fair at The Tunnel in Chelsea. As the show name suggests, this fourday show is the place to market artwork on the lower end of the price range (\$100 and up).

But for more established, midcareer artists whose works are priced in the \$1,000-\$50,000 range, publishers, gallery owners, buyers and collectors, SPECTRUM New York, held the same weekend at the new Javits Center North in New York City, may be an ideal show.

SPECTRUM promises to be more than an art show—it's a four-day fine-art experience. Alongside an impressive array of juried artwork by top publishing companies, galleries and studio artists, attendees can look forward to champagne receptions, cocktail parties, live entertainment, unveilings and more.

A few months down the road, SPECTRUM's sister show in Miami, Fla., will take place from December 4-8, during the wildly popular Art Week Miami.

Tens of thousands of art aficionados flock to the city for Art Week Miami in search of innovative new finds, resulting in multimilliondollar sales. From heavy hitters like Art Basel and Art Miami, fitting for more conceptual artists with sky-high price points, to popular offshoots like Scope and Red Dot, there's a venue for artists and galleries at every career level. SPECTRUM Miami is a perfect venue for contemporary mid-career artists whose works are also priced in the \$1,000-\$50,000 range.

Mark your calendars for these shows on the East Coast art show circuit this fall and winter.

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SPECTRUM New York, New York, NY spectrum-newyork.com

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Art Miami, Miami, Fla. art-miami.com

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SPECTRUM Miami, Miami, Fla. spectrum-miami.com

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SUMMER READING BOOKS WORTH A SECOND LOOK

The recent release of Bruce Altshuler's "Biennials and Beyond: Exhibitions that Made Art History: 1962-2002" (\$100, Phaidon Press) has the contemporary art world talking. A follow-up to his 2008 book, "Salon to Biennial: Exhibitions that Made Art History: 1863-1959," Altshuler, director of the Program in Museum Studies at the Graduate School of Arts and Science at New York University, offers a



wealth of information about 25 of the most influential art exhibitions in recent years, including installation photographs and reviews to floor plans, catalogue excerpts and more.



Assistant curator at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, Charlotte Bonham-Carter and British writer and researcher David Hodge have combined efforts in their new book,

"Contemporary Art: 200 of the World's Most Groundbreaking Artists" (\$19.95, Goodman). Together they profile 200 of the most influential, widely exhibited and skilled artists spanning 40 years. Artists include Subodh Gupta, Jasper Johns, Damien Hirst and others.



"The Next Thing: Art in the Twenty-first Century" (\$65, Fairleigh Dickinson) by Pablo Baler is a visual anthology of essays about the future of art. Baler, an associate professor of Latin-American Literature

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at California State University, Los Angeles, brings together the writings of artists, critics and philosophers who contemplate new and emerging artistic trends and our own responsiveness. Essays include those by Mark Axelrod, Glenn Harper, Salima Hashmi and others.

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PEOPLE WATCHING

HELENA HSIEH TALKS WITH ABN ABOUT CAPTURING STILLNESS AND A PERSONAL REFLECTION IN HER ART.

ainter Helena Hsieh, of Long Beach, Calif., contemplates moments of slowness and repose in her work. Nevertheless, Hsieh has not been resting but instead busily pursuing many activities.

Hsieh received her bachelor's degree from the University of California—Los Angeles before moving to Boston to earn her master's degree in fine arts at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts (SMFA) and Tufts University. The Boston Young Contemporaries selected her to exhibit her works at its highly regarded annual exhibition, which features the work of art students around New England. Hsieh also recently received the Montague International Travel Grant. New American Paintings, a juried exhibition in print, and the "30 Under 30" exhibit at the Arsenal Center for the Arts in Watertown, Mass., have also featured her work. In May 2012, the SMFA chose 30-year-old Hsieh as its student speaker at commencement.

Hsieh recently discussed the stimuli behind her work, her preference for oil painting and the use of art in realizing her own identity.

ART BUSINESS NEWS (ABN): When did you decide that you wanted to be an artist?

HELENA HSIEH (HH): Probably [when I was]

around seven or eight. I've been drawing since I was a little kid; it was just something I always spent a lot of time doing. My parents would give me some crayons or a pencil and a piece of paper, and I would draw for ... hours and be so absorbed.



ABN: How do you think your style has evolved over the years?

HH: I've become more focused and more precise in my intentions. Before, I was dabbling in all different kinds of styles and not sure what style I would have, but now I realize what I'm drawn to and what I like painting best.

ABN: What's your preferred medium and why?

HH: Oils. For me, it's the lusciousness of the medium; it's really easy to mix colors. Also the history of oil painting as a medium [and] the old masters [have inspired me]. ... I feel like having that history behind me is very potent and motivating. The colors that you can achieve using oils are far more [wide]-ranging than, say, acrylics, which is what I used to paint in.

ABN: How was your experience at the SMFA?

HH: It was very good. I got to dabble in different mediums other than painting, like performance and video, and it made me realize that I just wanted to be a painter at the end. I also had a lot of good professors, who were very encouraging and helpful.

ABN: Are there any other ways that working with other mediums helped your painting?

HH: When I was doing performance and video, I was still using myself [as the subject matter], and it made me realize that using myself ... really made the work more personal. This introspective look at myself and my work really came out [when working in those mediums], and I realized that's what I should focus on.

ABN: What was the most valuable lesson you learned in art school?

hard for me to learn, but I eventually got it. I realized that, if I don't make some bad paintings, then I'm not going to really get anywhere because I'm not always going to make great paintings.

"[MY ART IS] PART OF MY IDENTITY, WHICH IS WHY I PAINT MYSELF OVER AND OVER, COMING TO TERMS WITH WHO I AM IN THIS SOCIETY—WHETHER IT'S AS A PAINTER, AN OBSERVER OR A CULTURE MAKER."



"Measuring"

ABN: Who are some of the artists you most admire?

HH: I admire John Singer Sargent, Edward Hopper, Vilhelm Hammershoi and Jenny Saville. I like the way their careers and styles either evolved or stayed the same. If you look at a painting of theirs, you can tell it's theirs, and their paintings really move me. There's just something about their work that I can look at over and over again—something timeless.

ABN: Many of your pieces depict people either observing art or looking at a landscape or skyline: What drew you to that theme?

HH: Whenever I'm out and about or even just watching TV, I'm always observant of how I look at things and how other people are looking at things, and I'm always observing other people—people watching. It's something that I feel ...

we do even if we're not conscious of it. As human beings, we're very voyeuristic and curious about things and people, so I decided to explore that aspect of looking and how we look and what we like to look at.

ABN: Are there any other themes carried throughout your work?

HH. I like to consider the theme of slowness and quiet because ... today's society [is] very fast-paced. So, when I do my paintings, I'm very conscious of how slow and methodical the process is. In my work, a lot of the images look like they're stills from, say, a movie, or just from everyday life. They're stopped in motion, looking at something or at rest. We're always running around, but there's going to be that moment [when] you have to stop and think or relax or contemplate.

ABN: What influence does your culture



"Braid"

or background have on your art?

HH: It has a lot. I think it just unconsciously comes through because I'm always using myself as the subject matter. It's always in the back of my mind because it's not something I can get away from, as a female and a Chinese-American. It's part of my identity, which is why I paint myself over and over, coming to terms with who I am in this society—whether it's as a painter, an observer or a culture maker. [I am] making these paintings to distribute to the world.

ABN: Do you have any upcoming shows or projects?

HH: Right now I am working on a series of paintings, and I'm hoping to show them sometime in Boston at a gallery in the South End, but that's in the works. It's a series of paintings with the same theme of me depicting myself in these interior spaces, and you don't see my face.

ABN: Where do you see yourself artistically in 10 years?

HH: Still making work, [and I hope] being represented by a gallery and also having some solo shows—mainly, just having more people know about me and my work by then. ABN

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SUMMERTIME SLUMP?

THE SUMMER MAY BE A
TOUGH TIME FOR GALLERY
SALES, PARTICULARLY FOR
THOSE GALLERIES IN WARMER CLIMATES. LEARN HOW TO
BEAT THE HEAT—AND THE
DECREASE IN SALES.

armer temperatures, vacations and a lot of outdoor activities are all staples of summer. It's a welcome season, to be sure, but it can lead to sales slumps for galleries, particularly those in sweltering climates.

"Our summer just started about a month ago, [in May]" says Wissam ElGhoul, gallery director at New River Fine Art in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "We definitely feel things have slowed down traffic-wise, but it's to be expected." One of the oldest high-end

fine-arts galleries in South Florida, New River's collections range from old and modern masters to contemporary artists. "Many people here, including most of my clients, have two to three homes, so they escape the summer heat by going north or traveling," says ElGhoul.

Michele Rosen, who owns Gallery 319 in Woodland Hills, Calif., and frequently works with musicians and niche artists, agrees. "Summers are quiet, and August is the worst, with people on vacation and getting kids back to school."

The key to keeping up sales and bringing in patrons, say these experts, is to think outside the box and get out from behind the desk. Schedule special events, partner with charities and community-based businesses and stay in touch with collectors.

Samuel Lynne Galleries in Dallas, Texas, which features 21st-century artists and multidimensional works, hosts charity gatherings and live painting exhibits for children in its 12,000-square-foot space. It also holds movie-of-the-week panel discussions in its onsite theater. "We consider ourselves an outreach gallery and are very proactive, especially during the summer, which can be brutal here," says Michael

Bivins, Samuel Lynne's gallery chief executive officer.

Likewise, Gallery 319 and New River Fine Art step up their event calendars. Rosen collaborates with area restaurants, stays open during the evenings, and arranges for an artist to paint outside on the gallery's patio once a week. She recently joined with the Grammy Museum to help curate an exhibit of Ringo Starr's artwork.

ElGhoul participates in arts fairs—nationwide and internationally—driving or shipping pieces to fair venues. Additionally, he donates to or exhibits works at charity events and organizes art receptions with regular New River Fine Art collectors.

Although sales do pick up in the fall, these experts caution not to rest on your laurels. "To be successful, you have to work smarter," says ElGhoul. "I always keep in contact with my collectors so I know where they are and what's going on with them."

"Stay in touch with patrons so they know what's going on with you," says Bivins. "We're very assertive in this respect. We don't just depend on foot traffic; we go after our geographic footprint."

Rosen uses her free time over the summer to update her website and social media. "Keep your name out there," she says. "Bring your art gallery out there. Just maintain a presence." ABN





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ARTEXPO NEW YORK

HELD IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY, THIS YEAR'S SHOW SAW AN INCREASE IN ARTIST, GALLERY OWNER, DEALER AND BUYER ATTENDANCE OVER PREVIOUS YEARS.

BY MELISSA HART

n a blustery Saturday in March, Canadian artist Peter Colbert battled winds in midtown Manhattan as he walked a couple of his larger paintings out to a buyer's car. "It was fun to sell the two," says Colbert. "Making a sale is enjoyable, and I really appreciate it when people love the art and are happy to purchase it."

This year's sold-out event, Artexpo New York, took place at Pier 92 on 12th Ave. in New York. It was a success for Colbert. He sold all of his large pieces by the third day of the four-day event.

"The overall feeling of Artexpo was positive," says the event's chief executive officer, Eric Smith, of the four-day event, which began on March 21. "We had large crowds, and sales were brisk."

For 35 years, Artexpo has been providing dealers, collectors and buyers with access to artists' works from around the world. At this year's show, traffic increased by 25 percent, and trade attendance shot up by 21 percent. "The economy and stock market play a role in art sales," says Smith. "Things are getting better, and I expect our upcoming events to show increasingly positive results."

Professionals presented lectures and panel discussions on topics ranging from "Effective and Creative Gallery Marketing—That Won't Break the Bank" to "Go Big! Strategies to Sell Art and Framing Services." Colorado artist Louise Cutler notes that one of the most powerful pieces of advice came from Artexpo Business Development Group President Rick Barnett. "He said, 'Look at these four days as a marathon, not a sprint,'" she wrote in a blog post recounting the event. "You have to stay energized till the end."

"They do a nice show," says Cutler of Artexpo New York's organizers. "They really put a lot of effort into an amazing venue, making the SOLO section—the art section that I was in—look upscale." Cutler, a painter and sculptor, won a coveted SOLO award in 2013. "It was an honor to receive this award among my peers at such a high-end show."

Cutler advises new exhibitors to come to Artexpo with an open mind. "If you come in saying 'I have to sell,' you'll be disappointed," he says. "If you come to learn, to give and to glean, you'll get a lot more out of it."

This year marked the first time that Chicago artist and illustrator Darren Thompson exhibited at Artexpo, and it couldn't have been more successful. He sold all 30 of his pieces. A former college football and basketball star, Thompson portrays the human figure in urban landscapes, capturing the element of movement.

"Coming from Chicago, [I thought] it [would be a stretch for] the attendees to connect with my work," says Thompson. "I couldn't be more thrilled that I did this and have already committed to the show next year."

Also the recipient of a 2013 SOLO award, Kathleen Carrillo, an artist now residing in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, describes Artexpo as an "explosion of opportunities into an expanded career." During the show, representatives of several jazz festivals and of Princess Cruise Lines approached her about her work.

Carrillo once owned a successful gallery in Florida. "Now that I live in Mexico, in a rural area, I decided it was time for me to step up to the plate and push myself out there," says Carrillo. "It was a fabulous experience for me. I developed a line of work that would go well in the New York Expo, and it was very well-received." Carrillo suggests that artists considering an exhibition at the 2014 event begin planning now. "It takes almost a year of preparation for a first-timer," she says.

Now that 2013's Artexpo has wrapped up, Colbert is thinking about plans for the 2014 show. Next year, he says, he'll focus on midsized to large horizontal pieces that people would display over a couch, for example. Colbert suggests that first-time exhibitors focus on perfecting a few pieces and presenting them well. "It's [a combination of] hitting just the right note of salability and being at the right place at the right time, with the right people coming by your booth to buy art," he says.

• For information on Artexpo New York 2014, visit artexponewyork.com.

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[SOLO] AWARD WINNERS PROVE AN ECLECTIC GROUP

ACCORDING TO Artexpo Business Development Group President Rick Barnett, different artistic forms have dominated the annual event from year to year. One year, a Tuscan influence characterized much of the design. Other years, a certain color would stand out. This year, however, the artists—and in particular, the seven recipients of a SOLO award—trended toward eclecticism. A panel of art-industry professionals judges their work.

"When you look at their work, there really is not one that veers off in the same direction as the others," says Barnett of the award winners. "It's a unique and varied group." 2013 SOLO award winners include:



Kathleen Carrillo

Newly represented by LM2, Carrillo emerged as one of the top-selling artists at Artexpo New York. "She's very vibrant," says Barnett. "Her personality matches the bold color and expressive nature of her artwork."

kathleencarrillogalleries.com



Louise Cutler

An Artexpo New York exhibitor for many years, Cutler has work in collections across the United States. She derives inspiration from Asian influences that look, as Barnett notes, both traditional and contemporary. *louisecutlerstudio.com*



Fabiola Govare

Govare portrays

faces in bold, bright colors. "Her work comes across with a contemporary European design," says Barnett. "They're very expressive and colorful; they look like they came right out of the galleries of Paris." govare.com



Tufnell uses organic materials to sculpt art that Barnett says "expresses a unique story of everyday life—things like a pile of trash created from metal and glass. They're just amazing." *samtufnell.com*



Sócrates Márquez

A relatively new artist, Márquez drew crowds wanting to pose for photographs with him at Artexpo. "He brings forth the artistic style and charisma of Jackson Pollock," says Barnett. "It was amazing to watch how the public responded to him and his work. [He is] definitely a star in the making." socratesmarquez.com



Silk works in glass, portraying female nudes. "[She is] one of the most creative and technically disciplined sculptors that I have ever met," Barnett says. "Her attention to detail is phenomenal. It is absolutely artistic genius." alexissilk.com



Titti Hammarling

Hammarling admits that painting in oils is challenging yet rewarding. Her work captures the human spirit, while at the same time imploring the viewer to interlace their own feelings and experiences into the images. tittihammarling.com

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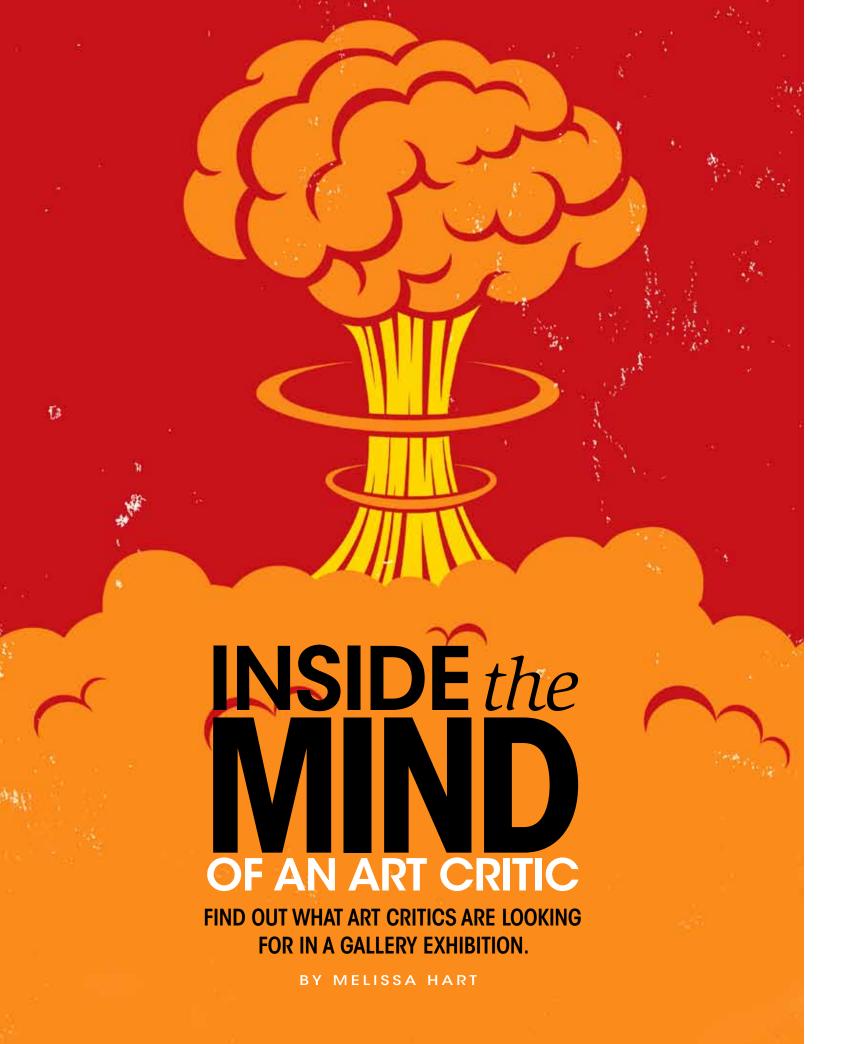
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ichard Speer doesn't spook easily. As art critic for Willamette Week, Portland's highly regarded alternative weekly newspaper, Speer has strolled through galleries in and around the Oregon city for more than a decade. He's seen unsettling creative work, including William Pope.L's giant reverse image of the United States made out of 5,000 rotting hot dogs. He's also seen an upscale-gallery show featuring the paintings of Rama—a 21-year-old Asian elephant at the Oregon Zoo. Still, when Speer walked into Breeze Block Art Gallery in Portland's Chinatown arts district last March, he felt as if he'd entered a haunted house ... albeit one from someone's bland, colorless childhood.

"It was an installation that took up the entire gallery," Speer recounts. "[The artist] painstakingly created a stylized minimalist interior of a typical suburban house. ... There was this very eerie soundtrack of ambient noise going on, and, for me, it captured the sinister underbelly of the American suburban dream. I really liked it."

As an art critic, Speer approaches gallery exhibitions in two ways. He often studies press releases, images and artist statements before a show opens, and he suggests that gallery owners get promotional materials, including high-quality photos, to arts writers at least two weeks before a show. Sometimes, however, he simply wanders into a gallery from the street. "I try to go into every show as a tabula rasa and let it have its way with me," Speer says.

He believes a show should be visually strong on its own; the viewer shouldn't have to rely on an artist's statement and press release to make it meaningful. "Certainly, it helps to be able to learn more about it and to talk with the artist, but I'm more interested in what the show does visually," he says. "Does it knock your socks off if you don't know anything about it beforehand? To me, that's an important consideration."

A positive review of a gallery show inspires increased attendance and sales. A scathing assessment of the sort Speer sometimes feels moved to write may shake the confidence of

those involved in an exhibition. Even a negative critique, however, offers opportunities to learn from critics who devote their lives to studying and writing about art.

Farther south on the West Coast, critic Kenneth Baker has spent 28 years reviewing art for The San Francisco Chronicle. He describes himself as even-tempered and notes that a less-than-glowing review can draw attention to someone's art

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that it might not otherwise receive. This is especially true if "it's written by someone like myself, who doesn't say much negative about someone's work. Interest arises," he says. "People wonder what got up my nose about this work in particular."

Baker prefers to go into a gallery with little research beforehand "because I like to confront the show," he says. "I've had enough experience now that I bring a great deal of general knowledge of the major artists of our time, and many of them I've amount of material in written about before." He's interested in examining the exchange between artist and viewer; his reviews provide readers with the intellectual and historical context that informs both the artist and the work.

In a recent analysis of paintings by Hung Liu, Baker delves into the Oakland artist's childhood in China. The critique provides readers with details about the rich political historical era of Liu's childhood, during which Mao's Cultural Revolution heavily influenced the future artist. Baker intertwines these details with his own observations on the work as it appeared in two related exhibitions last March.

Like Speer, Baker writes with a palpable enthusiasm for art. "I'm one of the last resident art critics around," he says. "The amount of art activity in this town is so great that it's a real priority. ... It



can't be ignored." After almost three decades as a critic, he still speaks of gallery shows as extraordinary offerings.

"Things are cleared out of the way for concentration and focus," he says of rooms devoted to painting, sculpture and the like. "We can spend as much time as we please without having to pay for it. We encounter so few public situations where that's the case."

He prefers to see a manageable

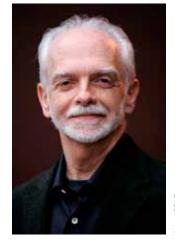
a gallery show. "Don't overwhelm people," he says. "Too much information insults your experience. The right information, even if it's information you don't enjoy, is more memorable. You might find it memorably hateful, but, nevertheless, you do remember it."

Speers agrees that a compelling show "allows the artwork plenty of room to breathe." He looks for a space conducive to physically leading the viewer through a room. "I like galleries that have a mixture of natural and gallery lighting," he says. "It's nice to see work in different moods of sunlight."

Baker notes that the order in which a gallery presents the pieces can be vital, particularly in an installation show in which video work appears along soundless work. The juxtaposition sometimes presents problems. "I understand that this is difficult," he says. "Sound installation is expensive. Nonetheless, I find it annoying to hear someone else's work when I'm trying to focus on another piece."

pay close attention to what feels right in other galleries. "Look at who's succeeding and how they've done it," he says.

Speer emphasizes the importance of establishing a strong aesthetic for a gal-



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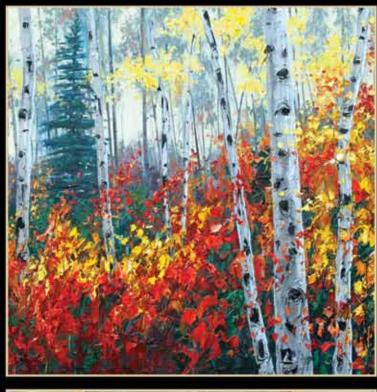
lery. "Have a curatorial point of view and keep the quality control consistent from month to month," he says. "I'll know going into the show. ... Whoever the artist is and whether I wind up liking [the] work or not, the show will be, at the very least, an intriguing body of work."

He also gravitates toward a consistent thesis, especially when it informs an entire show.

Pacific Northwest artist TJ Norris curated "Off the Plain," an exhibition that appeared in Portland's Place Gallery this spring. "It did a really marvelous job of stating its thesis—in this case, the idea that photography can be a medium used in sculpture," Speer says. He describes origami-like photo sculptures and round photos in record sleeves, with one atop a He suggests that newer gallery owners 45-rpm turntable. "I thought that show carried out its purpose in really inventive ways," Speer says.

> Speer concludes with the words every gallery owner longs to hear: "That was a show I was thrilled about," he says. ABN



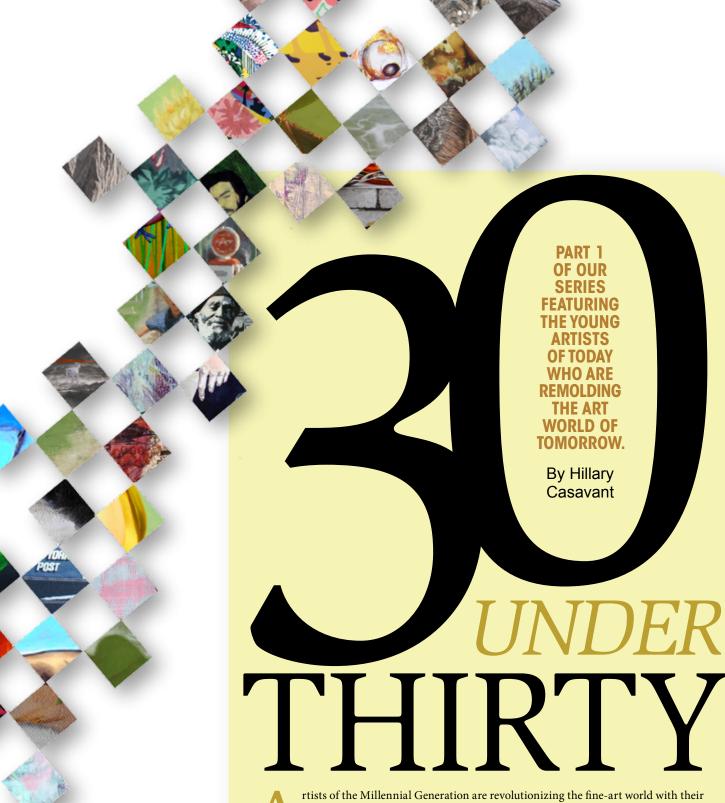






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Yet for others, it was simply a matter of destiny. "I followed my passion," says Amy Boone-McCreesh (p. 33).

In the first of a two-part series, we'll introduce 15 young artists of today who are remolding the art world of tomorrow.



Joyce Ho joycehostudio.com Film and theater inspire many of Joyce Ho's paintings, and her work reflects her multiple artistic passions. Ho's experience with Riverbed Theatre Productions in Taiwan influences her artistic use of "lighting, perspective and space," she says. Her father and sister frequently appear as models in her paint-

"There is something exciting about transplanting the actors from the theater into our apartment and merging these two worlds," she says.

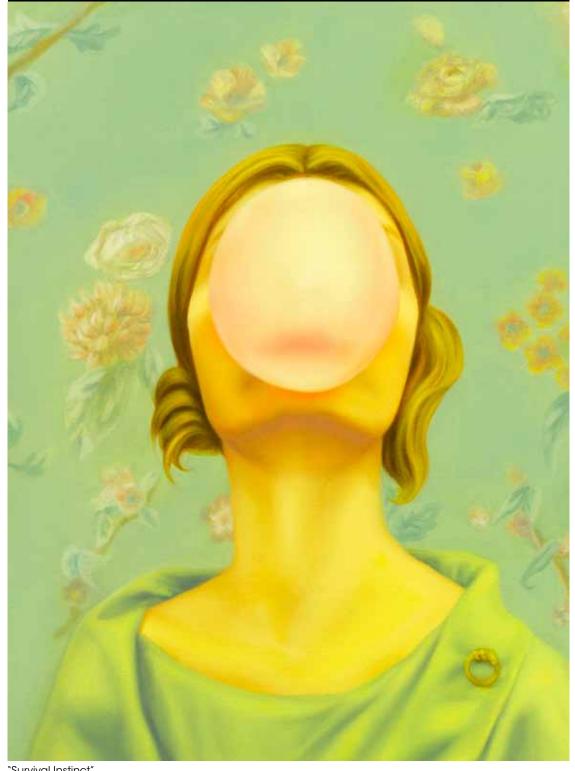
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Ho received her master's of art degree in painting from the University of lowa. Her work has received international acclaim, and her exhibitions include the Museum of Contemporary Art Shanghai and the Venice Biennale contemporary art exhibition.



"Survival Instinct"

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. Ian "Denimu" Barry

denimu.com

British artist Ian "Denimu" Barry manipulates denim to create detailed portraits and rich urban landscapes. He believes the universal familiarity of the fabric opens the doors of connection with his audience. His "painting with denim" has received international acclaim from both critics and collectors.

"I am comfortable and confident wearing [denim] in my life, so I transfer that to my art," he says.

Before pursuing art as a full-time career, Denimu says, the "need to create" influenced him to develop this singular art form.

"The art gave me something something that was mine and something to represent me—allowing me to be confident in myself, my identity," he says. "I decided to devote everything I had to it, and I think that will be the greatest choice I ever made."





With marker and ink, Minjae Lee, a self-taught artist, layers bright, intricate patterns over female portraits. The images call to mind his South Korean heritage and push a contemporary aesthetic. Although a fresh face in the art world, Lee has already been commissioned internationally.

Nature plays a dominant role in Lee's images, and this focus stems from his early interest in zoology. The vibrant colors reflect the emotions he brings to the canvas, and he describes the process of creating art as "a kind of freedom."

"When I feel something I've never felt before, there is a new color palette inside me, bursting to get out," he says.



"Indian"



"The Cheyenne has gone"







"Street Stranger No.2"



Daniel J. Valadez danieljvaladez.com Daniel J. Valadez's captivating portraits depict the myriad faces of his hometown outside of San Francisco.

"The neighborhood gives way to an array of people—the loud and colorful, the quiet and lonely," says Valadez. "I'm interested in the space that surrounds us and the story each face has to offer from it."

The painter received a bachelor's degree in fine arts in illustration from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. His portraits have been exhibited throughout the Bay Area, a setting that provides constant inspiration for his work.

"For me, being an artist is like being a child; you constantly get to rediscover the world around you. Everything is always new; there is always a new way to look at the same thing. You start with nothing and end with a picture. It's magic."





"A Little Bit of Love"



Tom Martin tommartinhyperrealism.co.uk

Hyperrealist artist Tom Martin uses acrylic to capture images of foods and glossy packages with stunning detail. The photograph-quality precision of his work transforms the ordinary into the remarkable.

"Art is a way of seeing," says Martin. "Two people can see the same thing, but one passes it by, and the other sees potential and sees it as art."

The artist has exhibited works throughout his home country of England. Martin says that his newest work juxtaposes still life with figure art, infusing it with a sense of the surreal and pushing the ways in which his viewers "perceive a reality."



Illustrator Amanda Gross infuses her art with humor and whimsy. Although Gross frequently receives commissions to produce portraits, she draws the influence of her independent art from "a desire to explore ideas in literature; offer an alternative to popular culture; or express an introspective, playful and Dadaist perspective," she says.

The artist received her master's of arts degree in teaching from the Rhode Island School of Design and has exhibited her works throughout Illinois, California and New England. She has used her artistic experience to teach children and teens, inspiring them with the "dynamic form of communication" and "euphoric flow" of visual art, she says.



"Pigeons [I do belong in society]"



Joel Rea joelrea.com.au

Oil painter Joel Rea creates vivid allegorical work, using surreal imagery of elemental forces to evoke internal conflict.

"I'm fascinated by nature, especially the power of the elements," he says. "The harmony and the destruction create an abundance of exciting

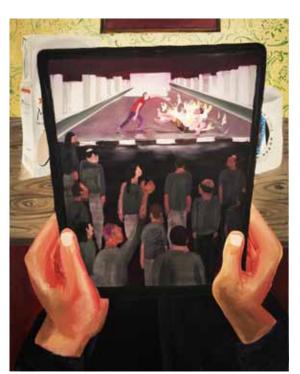
Rea earned his bachelor's degree in fine arts from Queensland College of Art and has received critical acclaim throughout his home country of Australia. His technique requires meticulous attention to detail, a process that reflects the content.

"There is so much complexity and detail within our existence as humans," says Rea. "I already have a lifetime's worth of ideas to explore and subject matter I'm inspired by."



"Moment of Truth"

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"An Act of Protest as Seen Through a Tablet Device"



Guy Ben-Ari guybenari.com

Israeli artist Guy Ben-Ari has used his interest in "psychoanalytic theory and semiotics" to lay the groundwork for his narrative and nonfigurative paintings. His recent collection explores the technology-driven contemporary culture of image consumption, a "reality through digital media: one that is

removed, distant, dissociative, and at the same time very pleasurable and in high-def," he says.

Ben-Ari received his master's degree in fine arts from Columbia University and has exhibited his works throughout New York and Israel. He considers himself a "cultural producer" with his message-driven work.

"Making art is a continuous process of finding new, exciting ways to incorporate ideas that seem pertinent to our present experience," he says.

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Karen Lederer karenlederer.com

Karen Lederer saturates her paintings in colors and dynamic patterns, and they "revel in excess," she says.

"I create work that rejects the rigid aesthetic directive of formalism in favor of bold color and pattern," says Lederer. "I am interested in how these elements change how one sees."

Lederer received her master's degree in fine arts in printmaking from the Rhode Island School of Design and has exhibited her works at galleries throughout the United States. She finds inspiration largely from textiles.

"My mother is a wonderful knitter," says Lederer. "Wild strings whipped around her hands, producing an abstract color show. I've only just started to understand the great aesthetic influence of her constant knitting. A witness to her craft, I [received] a strong appreciation for color and pattern."



"Pinched Pot"





"Petal Push"

Amy Boone-McCreesh

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Vibrant colors and patterns characterize Amy Boone-McCreesh's 3-D installations, mixed media and paintings. A reverence for culture and rituals mark her work, which derives inspiration from "decorations, holiday celebrations and even funerary displays from around the world," she says.

According to Boone-McCreesh, "I love the idea of non-artists expressing themselves visually to mark an important moment in time."

The artist received her master's degree in fine arts in studio arts from Towson University and has taught and exhibited throughout the East Coast.



Joseph Koensgen josephkoensgen.com

Joseph Koensgen brings his passion for the natural world to the canvas, creating detailed paintings of wildlife. The Canadian artist finds inspiration from hikes, "soaking up everything the forest has to offer," he says.

"My excitement and emotion then carries over into my art, and I try to convey the emotion and the mood that was present when I first stumbled upon that scene."

As a member of Artists for Conservation, Koensgen uses his wildlife paintings to encourage nature preservation and appreciation.

"Whether [viewers] are reminded of something they have seen or ... something they wish to see, I hope that it captures their imagination as nature has captured mine," he says.

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Meet 15 other talented young artists in the second part of ABN's "30 under 30" series in the fall issue.



an image," she says.

Adina Bricklin

To create the soft gradations, textures and "unexpected harmonies" in her work, Adina Bricklin translates photographs through a mixture of tracing and drawing techniques. "Each process stems

from a desire to touch, mark and materialize the light of

Bricklin received her master's degree in 2-D fine arts from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and teaches and exhibits throughout New England. She says the process of becoming an artist has confirmed the permanence of art in her future.

"Every time I bask in something beautiful and every time I look at one of my drawings as an object separate from me, it becomes very clear in my mind that this is what I should be doing," she says.



"Freelancing"



"Catching Memories"



Brvan Ramev artbyramey.com

With a fluid combination of charcoal, ink and paints, Bryan Ramey infuses his work with the surreal. His inspiration for the dream worlds he captures on the page comes from "the darker, more primitive side of man: the superstitious, the imaginative, the unknown part of ourselves," he says.

Ramey attended the postbaccalaureate program at the School for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and locations in both the United States and Australia have exhibited his work. He says he pursued a career in artistry to become "a storyteller."

"I wanted to stir the emotions in people and spark that creative vision we as a culture seem to lose or deny ourselves as we grow up," he says.

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Abigail Vancannon

Abigail Vancannon's oil paintings capture the beauty in the everyday, suggesting the nostalgia of the 1950s. The inspirations for her Americana portraits and scenes are classic car shows and antique stores, and she creates art that "evokes emotions, challenges thinking and thoughts, contemplates beauty and has great power to reach people in a nontraditional way," she says.

Vancannon received her master's degree of fine arts in painting from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and has exhibited her works throughout California and Iowa.

"I am choosing to pursue the arts as my career, but creating beauty is a part of me," says Vancannon. "It was what I was created to be and do." ABN



"Truckee Pumps"

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On a warm spring afternoon, artists gather in the Rocky Neck Cultural Center for a group critique led by Barbara Moody, an artist visiting the colony. The center's current exhibition, "Clothing Optional," lines the walls of the former church.

"How does this image engage the viewer?" Moody asks the artists, motioning to the first painting up for critique. "What is your emotional response?"

The scent of lilac and ocean air wafts through the open doors as the voices rise, a communion of artists.

Throughout the country, art colonies such as Rocky Neck, on the harbor in Gloucester, Mass., give artists the tools they need to create, sell and hone their craft and to network with other artists.

"Artists inspire artists," says Deborah McLean, a silversmith and director of the Taos Center for the Arts. "Artists also teach other artists. There's a

real synergy around people of like minds to explore and

These colonies are havens where artists live—communal environments of solitude and concentration. Here, artists escape everyday distractions and focus on their work, and the power in numbers that art colonies provide has transformed many communities both culturally and economically.

For Kathy Gerdon Archer, artist and owner of White Bird Gallery in Gloucester, involvement with the Rocky Neck Art Colony gave her the exposure and community she needed to succeed as a photographer.

Amy Demmer, director of the Grand Marais Art Colony in Grand Marais, Minn., believes that colonies are not only beneficial to the artists but also essential to the communities.

> "Artists give communities more depth and soul and opportunity," says Demmer.



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in a forest near New Hampshire's Monadnock mountain region, The MacDowell Colony has been a cornerstone for artists since its founding in 1907. The space offers 32 private studios for artists of all disciplines, providing visual artists, writers, composers and filmmakers with as many as eight weeks of residency funded by the organization.

Julia Jacquette, a member of the MacDowell board of directors, says that MacDowell's location, "removed from the hubbub of a major city, [gives artists] serious uninterrupted work time."

Jacquette has been in-

volved with the art colony for nearly 20 years, beginning with her first residency as a

"[Membership in The MacDowell Colony allows me to enter my artwork in a deeper way," she says. "I can think more clearly, more deeply about it because I'm not interrupted. I can build momentum in the studio."

MacDowell offers artists the flexibility to establish their own working schedules in a space with minimal distractions. In addition to providing hot breakfasts and dinners, MacDowell's staff leaves picnic lunches outside the artists' MacDowell's artists go on to studios, and Internet and notable exhibitions followphone access is limited to the ing their stays. Jacquette has colony's main buildings. exhibited her works at gal-

visual artist in 1995.

Paintings by Julia Jacquette The steady flow of new artists provides the colony with an organic chemistry and opportunities to forge new artistic relationships. Previous artists include Benny Andrews

and Janet Fish, and many of

leries throughout the world, including Amsterdam's 1K Projectspace and New York's Museum of Modern Art.

For Jacquette, art colonies such as MacDowell are "enormously helpful and invigorating, ... [and they provide] an atmosphere where you're buoyed by the presence of other artists."

Taos

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With a population of fewer than 6,000, the

town of Taos, N.M., is home to several art groups and more than 80 privately owned galleries.

"If you walk down the street in Taos and ask someone what they do, they'll tell you they're an artist," says Deborah McLean, director of the Taos Center for the Arts (TCA).

Mountains surround the desert community: a setting that frequently inspires artists' works.

"The light here is different

[from] anywhere I've experienced," says McLean. "That light ... helps you to see differently, to see color and shapes differently. The comfort of the light allows you to relax and discover."

TCA board member Janet Webb says that many residents believe the space has a "spiritual, mystical pull" and that the tricultural community provides "intercommunication and acceptance."

"It just draws you here," says McLean, who relocated to Taos from Nova Scotia. "You begin looking at the land and realize it feels very comfortable, and it's beautiful, and it's home."

The town has harbored many successful artists, including Guggenheim fellow Larry Bell; abstract expressionist Agnes Martin; and founding member Bert Geer Phillips, who established Taos as an art destination more than a century ago.

The myriad art groups provide frequent programs and opportunities for artists to exhibit their work and build a collaborative, open environment. McLean says that the community is both rural and urban, which allows space for artists to grow in their work.

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Grand Marais Art Colony

Grand Marais, Minnesota

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Grand Marais, an art colony **TUCKED**

between Lake Superior and the Boundary Waters, along the U.S.-Canadian border, opens its doors to both novice and professional artists.

"The need to express oneself is what makes us human," says colony director Amy Demmer. "It's really important to us to nurture that expressionism in all people, all skill levels, all ages."

The rural town emphasizes outdoor recreation and encourages visiting and resident artists to tap into

their creativity through the environment.

Painter Neil Sherman relocated to Grand Marais after participating in its annual plein air competition. Now a member of the board of directors, Sherman says that the colony's environment has a profound effect on his work.

"The scenes are always changing, always different, and I feel like sometimes I'm painting scenes that may never be seen again," says Sherman.

According to Sherman, the diverse artists and residents of Grand Marais keep his creativity fresh and vibrant.

A sanctuary for the creative mind, the colony's main building is a converted mission church.

Demmer says the building provides a sense of spirituality that allows artists to "delve into their soul and have very powerful, transformative experiences."

Founding artist Birney Quick opened the colony as a summer painting school in 1947. The colony transformed the surrounding town, and today it provides almost daily workshops and business classes for artists, as well as studio space with professional equipment and events for the community.

The colony's work is interwoven into the town, which Demmer describes as friendly and inclusive.

"It's about that homemade life, connecting your hands and your heart to the things that you're doing," she says. "That's a really powerful creative tool for artists, too."

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Rocky Neck Art Colony

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along the harbor of Rocky Neck welcome more than 13,000 visitors each summer. With a history that spans more than a century, the art colony has hosted countless artists, exhibits, workshops, residencies and cultural events.

"It's funky and fun and a little bit off-color, but there's something deeper than that," says Karen Ristuben, eco-artist and president of the colony. "The people who are connected here know deep down that, despite differences between artists and nonartists, there's a commonality that is really special."

The artwork created here reflects Rocky Neck's diversity. Artist Barbara Moody, a 2013 distinguished artist in Rocky Neck's residency program, says the colony's artists run the gamut of experience and style, "from very contemporary abstract painters to very realistic landscape painters and the whole breadth in between."

For many of Rocky Neck's artists, including Ristuben, the exceptional light in Gloucester inspires creation.

"The atmospherics are beautiful," says Ristuben. "I don't know what it is, but you

look over Gloucester harbor at sunset, and the reflected light ... glows."

Ristuben describes Rocky Neck as vibrant and inclusive. The scope of artists in a single location lends itself to collaboration and synergy, rather than competition, improving both the cultural economy and the personal success of the artists.

"Individual artists don't always have the means or the wherewithal to promote themselves," says Ristuben. "The artists who inhabit those spaces and work in those spaces learn so much from each other. It's so important for artists to be in the same airspace with other artists." ABN

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- KAREN RISTUBEN

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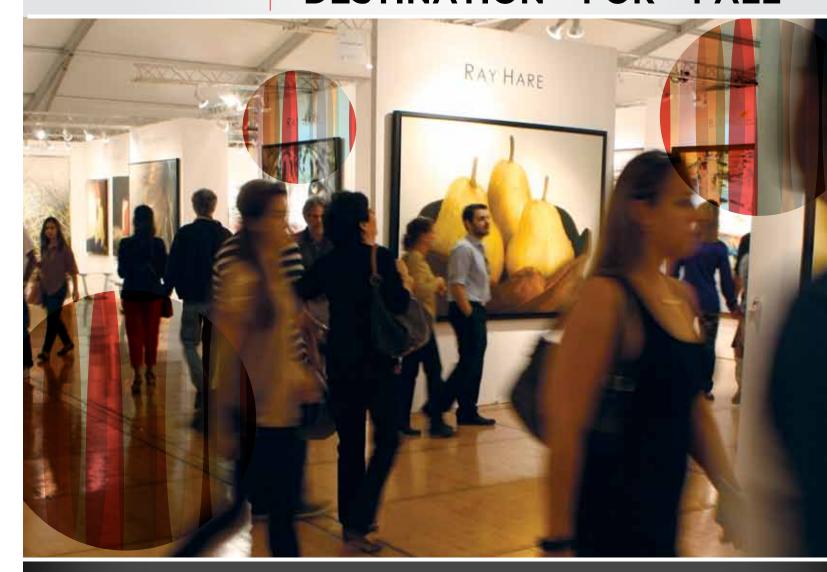


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Louise Cutler

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"I am motivated by the desire to create beauty that cultivate peace and tranquility." says Fort Collins based Creationist artist and sculptor Louise Cutler.

"I believe that every living thing is a form of inspiration, from sunlight to the smell of rain." Louise Cutler is an award winning mix media painter and sculptor working in acrylic, metal leaf and bronze. Her artistic style involves a mixing of her love of nature, simplicity and fashion illustration. Her eclectic blend of cultures keeps her work fresh and comprehensive. She purposely designs her figures without faces, finding them irrelevant; Ms Cutler feels, having a face would only add complication for the viewer. Her use of metal leaf (Gilding) in her paintings gives each piece the illusion of simplistic grandeur and is representative of glory and elegance found in early Italian religious Renaissances paintings. She leaves the nega-



tive space in her paintings to their own devises to form as they please. She finds when left alone they create a nice sense of balance, giving the viewer a place of calm and rest. It is like having a place to lie ones head. Ms Cutler considers her bronze sculptures a living extension of her paintings, "I find that when I transform one of my painting into a three dimensional form it becomes alive."

TITTI HAMMARLING

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"I see my work as a journey, not only in time and space, but in my own and others' beings. In our ability, will and courage to express what we want or what we need. I explore the human condition and what takes place in our identities and relationships. The challenges in life interest me. Shortcomings. Overcomings.

Usually I use oil paint when I work. It suits my temperament and it always calls upon my volition to search further and to learn more. Painting is seldom easy for me but I love it as it is. New motifs mostly arise while I'm working. I don't need inspiration to paint. I get inspired by painting."

I am drawn to nerved, transient beauty. People, landscapes, fantasy worlds; nothing is entirely perfect or simple. Truth and reality have many faces."

Titti is a Swedish artist. She has her studio in Stockholm



and lives on a small island in the archipelago, from where she commutes every day by boat to the city. There are no roads on the island and only one more family is living there year round. The contrast to the busy city gives her energy and perspectives.



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Self-taught Dominican-born artist Sócrates Márquez brings his works to life by exploring with acrylics, oils and household items. His paint splatters technique and layering of textural interpretations allow him to produce vibrant, energetic art, inviting viewers on a journey of self-interpretation within intentional "chaos."

Guided by a sense of freedom, spontaneity and attention to process, Márquez's pieces do not feel like abstracts on a flat surface. They are beckoning places viewers want to step into. His work evokes the emotional and spiritual. Just as a soloist gears up for a performance accompanied by an orchestra, Márquez hones in on his main paint melody, tunes up his palette of color and adds his instruments of texture, depth, rhythm and movement to create a symphony on canvas.

"When working on each painting, I am very passionate. I give it my all; my emotions, my energy! On each painting my goal is to convey emotions and create that same emotional connection with the viewer and my collectors."



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Newbury Cross, 58" x 58", oil on canvas



Newbury Cross is part of Nick Paciorek's Café Series, paintings that embrace his signature use of light and color to reveal intimate spots tucked away in cities across the U.S. and Europe.

The works are the latest in Nick's portfolio of cityscapes. A lifelong urbanite, he is drawn to large metropolitan areas, where his paintings capture the interplay between figures and architecture.

To see more of Nick's paintings visit www.paciorek.com.

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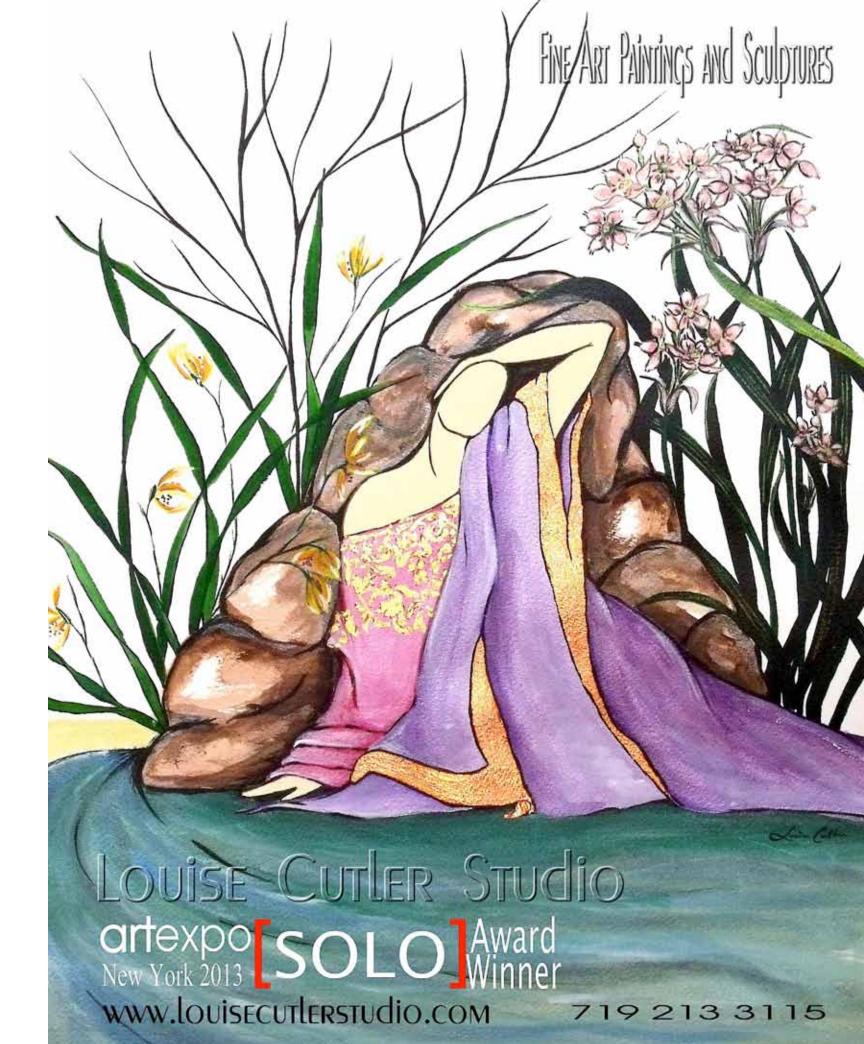
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"I call myself a Reflectionist because I believe the universe mirrors each of us in a unique way. My goal as an artist is to interpret that phenomenon, and my art is a multidimensional reflection of life and the way I perceive the world."

JD Miller's multidimensional paintings have received acclaim nationally and throughout his home state of Texas. He was first featured as an emerging artist in the February 2009 issue of Art Business News. See more of his work at jdmillerart.com.

"Hi Velocity I," original 60x48, oil





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