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Y:ART GALLERY & FINE GIFTS



THE HOLIDAY EXHIBITION

FEATURING SMALL WORKS & MINIATURES

30 November 2016 - 14 January, 2017

Y:Art Gallery and Fine Gifts is pleased to announce the opening of its ninth show, *The Holiday Exhibition: Featuring Small Works & Miniatures*. The opening reception for the exhibition will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016, 6pm-9pm.

The Holiday Exhibition brings together an accomplished ensemble of seven Baltimore-based artists; all who create unique, small-scale works. The majority of artworks measure under 8 x 11 inches and utilize a variety of mediums including: painting, mixed-media, sculpture and metal work.

Featured artists include:

Jo Brown
Lois Borgenicht
Beth de Loiselle
Don Griffin

Jill Orlov
Julia Niederman
Justin Wiest

These are artists who are excited about the exploration of small space and finessing their craft on a petite scale. As the winter season approaches, Y:ART is more than a *little* eager to showcase that “good things come in small packages!”

About The Artists

Jo Brown is an abstract-realist painter who decisively chooses to paint out-of-doors, even in the most inclement weather. Educated in the fine arts at Yale University in sculpture, photography, and painting, as a landscape painter she nonetheless is entirely self-taught. Brown's brilliant sense of light, color and photographic clarity urge us to see the world with new eyes, and find peace and beauty in the ordinary.

Lois Borgenicht was born in New York City and studied art at The School of Art in Fontainebleau, France, the Boston University School of Fine Arts, and the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture before settling in Baltimore in 1989. A lover of 20th Century French painting, Borgenicht “enjoys painting dense, colorful works to create a world saturated with visual pleasure.”

Beth de Loiselle's unique technique stemmed from the fundamentals of old masters taught to her at the Schuler School of Fine Arts in Baltimore, where she is now an instructor. De Loiselle's oil paintings have striking bright colors and unique stylization. As an animal portraitist, her keen observations capture that particular expression, compassion and familiarity to its owner.

Don Griffin was born and raised in Baltimore and attended the Maryland Institute College of Art in the mid-1970's. Inspired by the technique of Robert Rauschenberg's 'combine' paintings - where the artists attached found objects to the surface of a painting [1] Griffin began working with abstraction and mixed media. His works often incorporate diverse materials such as paper, novel pages, bottle caps and wire, among other diverse items.

Jill Orlov is a Baltimore based sculptor, with a Masters of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. Orlov's practice is based on her experience with creating scaled technical models. Now incorporating these skills into her practice, she creates miniature environment work functioning on the principles of her previous design experience. She calls her work Furnished Furniture - tiny rooms or vignettes fabricated of metal, existing within the framework of a table or vintage box.

Julia Niederman is a painter and designer living in Baltimore. Her paintings often showcase intricate, colorful depictions of whimsical environments. Blending and layering various mediums such as charcoal, acrylic and oil paint, the artist has said that her recent paintings “have one thing in common: a struggle with the passage of time and the wish to immortalize a moment.”

Justin Wiest was raised in Baltimore and is now based in Connecticut. He graduated from the Schuler School of Fine Art in Baltimore before receiving a Masters from The New York Academy of Art in 2001. Wiest's work has been exhibited in various art galleries and institutions in Baltimore, New York, Connecticut and Italy. Classically trained as a painter, the artist has said

that at this point in his career he's "enjoying the freedom to experiment and search for the limits of painting by scrubbing at the *film of familiarity*."

[1] McNatt, Glenn (2004, October 24). Under busy Baltimore street, art flourishes. *The Baltimore Sun*. Retrieved from <http://www.baltimoresun.com>

Y:ART Gallery & Fine Gifts is a labor of love, brought to life by Julia Yensho on October 10th, 2015. The gallery features monumental artwork while the store - an extension of the gallery - features the best and brightest artists and crafters Baltimore has to offer. In addition to the gallery, Y:ART also features a store with unique gifts handcrafted by local artists and crafters. This unique space is open for artist showings and workshops, and the gallery is also available as a venue for private social gatherings. Our open hours are Wednesday-Thursday, 12pm-5pm; Friday-Saturday, 10am-6pm.

For reproduction requests, photographs, interviews with the artists, and general inquiries, please contact the gallery at 443-928-2272 or yartgallery3402@gmail.com

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