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Y:ART GALLERY & FINE GIFTS



MAUREEN DELANEY, ERIN RAEDEKE & RICHARD TOWNSEND

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Explore one artist's imagination, wander into another's days of yore, and marvel at the artisanship of a fine furniture maker with this unique three-person show. Y:ART Gallery is pleased to present **MAUREEN DELANEY, ERIN RAEDEKE & RICHARD TOWNSEND** in an exhibition of work featuring two Baltimore based oil painters and one exceptional furniture designer. All three are creative visionaries who have mastered their craft. Collectively, Delaney, Raedeke, and Townsend fashion an offering of work that is contemporary, fearless, introspective, and intelligent.

The Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 6-9pm, with an opportunity to meet each artist. To learn more about material choices, techniques, and inspirations, an Artist Talk will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 4-6pm.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

MAUREEN DELANEY

Maureen Delaney is an exceptional large-scale abstract painter whose works are held in private collections in New York, London, Portland, San Francisco, Boston, Washington D.C., and Baltimore. Her paintings are constructed with fluid gestures and a wise color palette that forge strong and stunning compositions. Delaney's artwork sends the observer on a journey through shape, color, texture, and space.

Maureen Delaney lives and works in Baltimore. She received a BFA from Pennsylvania State University in 2011 and a MFA in Painting from Maryland Institute College of Art / Leroy E. Hoffberger School of Painting in 2017. An award winning artist, Delaney has shown in numerous solo, two-person, and group exhibitions. Delaney's work has been included in publications including bmoreart.com, yngspc.com, Fresh Paint Magazine, and Requited Journal.

ERIN RAEDEKE

Erin Raedeke works from life. Her arrangements are a physical manifestation of her history. She uses yesteryear fabrics to recall childhood memories and recover past experiences. Raedeke endeavors to capture the elusive with observations that lead to unanticipated forms, content, and color relationships; this undertaking produces still lifes with an abstract undertone. Raedeke invites the viewer to travel back in time through her life story.

Erin Raedeke received her BFA from Indiana University in 2000 and her MFA from American University in 2009. She has had solo exhibitions in New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia and has participated in numerous group shows, including the BP Portrait Award Exhibit at the National Portrait Gallery in London. Raedeke was a recipient of the Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award in 2013 and 2016.

RICHARD TOWNSEND

Driven to make clean, elegant, and durable furniture, Richard Townsend's achievements are an extension of his early training as a sculptor. His forms are rooted in Mid-Century design and inspired by 20th Century sculptors including Brancusi, Calder, and Moore. He has transformed the Windsor Chair; upending its traditional elements. His design leaps into the future with state-of-the-art craftsmanship and contrasting walnut and tiger eye maple. Built with

uncompromising standards and hand-selected natural materials, Townsend challenges himself to create contemporary practical designs that will be future classics.

Richard Townsend received a MFA in Sculpture from Pratt Institute in 1980. He established Townsends Commercial Art Studio - NYC in 1980, Townsends Antique Restoration in 1994, and RWT Design Studio in 2002. From 2011 until present day, he has been invited to and participated in many exhibitions including the International Contemporary Furniture Fair; Fine Home Source in Millbrook, New York; Hamptons Contemporary Fair, and RE-LO Baltimore.

Y:ART is a contemporary gallery established in 2015 by Julia Yensho. It provides a forum for the art and culture of our time by presenting network and ideas through curatorial practice, artist representation, and by encouraging artistic collection. Y:ART Gallery is in the forefront of a new and exciting renaissance in Baltimore's Highlandtown Arts District. The gallery has been responsible for many important solo and group exhibitions that have launched and sustained the careers of featured local and regional artists. Public programming within the gallery consists of artist talks and expert lectures on current exhibitions; all free and open to the public. Y:ART's gallery store features over 70 local and regional artisans who specialize in handcrafted fine art gifts including: jewelry, pottery, glass, wood, textiles and metal work. The walls are covered with extraordinary unique artworks and sculptural pieces that would impress any collector. This unique space is open for artist showings and workshops, and the gallery is also available as a venue for private functions or social gatherings.

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

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