

mahan gallery

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**Mahan Gallery Opens Exhibition, New Work: Alpna Gupta, reception,
Saturday, September 25, 6-10pm**

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The Mahan Gallery will exhibit selected new work from artist Alpna Gupta.

Alpna Gupta was born in Shawnee, Kansas, and is a graduate of the Columbus College of Art and Design. She was awarded CCAD scholarships for her achievement and participated in several local juried exhibitions. Helen Molesworth, curator for the Wexner Center for the Arts, awarded her the Mary Lou Chess Memorial Award for her sculpture, "Rice Bag". Gupta is currently showing "Rice Cart", an installation, which fills a 15' x 30' gallery space at The Carnegie Center for performing and visual arts in Covington, Kentucky..

Gupta uses her work to explore her identity as a female and as an Indian-American. She creates through the repetitious processes of sewing, weaving, and printing. Her work is concerned with contrasting the foreign with the commonplace. She manipulates articles of clothing and fabric to make protective skins for materials such as rice, salt and spices. These skins act as veils that affect the perception of their contents. By folding and wrapping, she protects, contains and hinders the perception of the contents which allude to identity and tradition

Fabric and clothing are marks of an identity. Gupta uses materials of high value such as silk and chiffon in some of her pieces, while in others she has chosen to use the common materials of burlap and muslin. The juxtaposition of these materials is a metaphor for high and low culture in both the east and the west.

The Mahan Gallery focuses on emerging and mid-career artists working in a variety of media, including painting, photography, and sculpture. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 11 am-7pm; Saturday-Sunday 12pm-6pm. The Mahan Gallery is located at 1042 N. High St.

*Please note our hours have changed.