

# mahan gallery

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### **Mahan Gallery to Open in Short North Arts District**

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The Mahan Gallery, located at 1042 North High Street, will open with "One" at 6:00 p.m., Friday, 5 December.

Jacqueline Mahan, President of the Mahan Gallery, a native of Upper Arlington and a graduate of the Art Institute of Boston, will show original artwork, focusing on emerging local and national artists not yet represented in Columbus galleries.

"Following my relocation from the Boston area," Mahan said, "I became aware of the underserved population of beginning collectors in this community. There are a large number of would-be patrons who are uncomfortable purchasing at the price points currently being offered in Columbus galleries. We plan to serve those customers by offering outstanding value in original art, growing with them from the beginning stages of their collections through their maturity."

The gallery will focus on emerging artists working in a variety of media, including painting, photography and sculpture.

"We feel very fortunate to open with the talented group of artists in 'One.' They present a body of work that is, while diverse and varied in style and composition, very much cohesive in theme," Mahan said.

Rachel Dove is among the artists whose work will be exhibited in "One." Dove explores the role of craft in contemporary fine art. Abandoning traditional painterly techniques, she pushes acrylic through latch-hook and cross-stitch materials using traditional sewing and weaving techniques. Juxtaposing appropriated nineteenth-century floral imagery and Japanese printmaking, Dove's work makes subtle reference to the feminist role in contemporary art. The work of Kristin Patton, another featured artist, is an exploration of memory and the encapsulation of time. She conveys these ideas through paintings, collage, drawings and installations. Formally she is drawn to color and texture, using both of these ideas to initially engage the viewer, leading them through next layers of involvement. "One" also includes the work of Jacob Dudley and Jon Witzky.

The open floor plan of the Mahan Gallery offers a flexible 1300 square foot presentation space, and the gallery promises a unique lineup of exhibitions for the spring.

"We plan to keep things fresh, providing collectors and artists alike a unique forum to enjoy the arts," Mahan said. "We want to be the place that is at once challenging and accessible. How democratic is that?"

The Mahan Gallery will be open Monday-Saturday, 11 am to 7pm, and by appointment. 614-294-3278 or jacquie@mahangallery.com