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Short North Arts District Celebrates American Planning Association’s Great Places in America Designation at October Gallery Hop

American Planning Association to present 2019 Award and Doc Robinson to perform

COLUMBUS, OH (October 2, 2019) -- On Saturday, October 5, at 4 p.m., the Short North Arts District will kick off the October Gallery Hop by commemorating its recent recognition as a “Great Neighborhood” by the American Planning Association (APA) on its annual Great Places in America list. Read all about the special honor at planning.org.

Media and the public are invited to join the Short North Arts District at the corner of High Street and Hubbard Avenue to watch APA Ohio President Chris Anderson present the Great Places 2019 Award to neighborhood and civic leaders, and to enjoy live music and performances by local favorites Doc Robinson in the heart of the Short North Arts District.

Present for the celebration of the District’s Great Places in America designation will be:

- Betsy Pandora, Executive Director, Short North Alliance
- Brian Ross, President and CEO, Experience Columbus
- Emmanuel Remy, Columbus City Council
- State Rep. Kristin Boggs
- State Sen. Hearcel Craig
- Michael Stinziano, Franklin County Auditor
- Sherrie Hawk, Owner of Sherrie Gallerie
- Chris Anderson, AICP, APA Ohio Chapter President

See the complete list of October Gallery Hop exhibitions and events below, and download corresponding photos here.
For visitors making their way to the Short North Arts District for Gallery Hop, or any other weekend, visit shortnorth.org/parking-transit or download the Parking and Transit Guide here.

Short North Gallery Exhibitions

ArtHaüs29
Modern Organix Presents: Gallery Hop October at ArtHaüs29, located at 29 W 3rd Ave. Gallery Hoppers are invited to view the works of this month’s show, presented by the Susan G. Komen foundation, with themes of strength and survival. A portion of proceeds from all art sales will go to breast cancer research.

Brandt-Robert Galleries
Brandt-Roberts Galleries will feature Cuban artists Douglas Arguelles, Samuel Riera, and Luis Alberto Alvarez Lopez for Columbus in Cuba, Cuba in Columbus. Addition, they will feature Columbus-based artists Christopher Burk and Cody Heichel, both of whom recently exhibited work in Cuba during the 2019 Havana Biennial.

Hammond Harkins Galleries
Hammond Harkins Galleries is currently featuring an exhibition of Jenny Holzer’s text-based works. Included in the show are bronze plaques, posters, and photographic prints of some of the artist’s public projections from around the world. Often piercing despite their restrained presentation, Holzer’s works are timeless yet topical. Her recent exhibitions include the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Tate Modern, and Blenheim Palace in the UK. Stop in to experience works by this Ohio-born artist, whose messages ring true, through October 27.

Lindsay Gallery
Lindsay Gallery will feature Drawings and Found Object Sculptures by Damian Valdes Dilla throughout the month of October. An opening reception for this exhibition will take place on Saturday, October 5 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

As part of the Columbus in Cuba, Cuba in Columbus celebration, Damian Valdes Dilla (born in Havana in 1970) has an obsession with cities that plays out in his drawings and in the sculptures he makes from cast off objects he finds in the streets of Havana. As a teen, Dilla was diagnosed with schizophrenia with violent tendencies, so while his drawings are sometimes peaceful, they can also portray scenes of armed violence and riots. Lindsay Gallery will also have pieces by Joey Monsoon and Antoinette Savage that were shown in Cuba during the Art Biennal event earlier this year.

Marcia Evans Gallery
Marcia Evans Gallery will feature work by Kirsten Bowen as part of the CCAD Grads in Galleries collaboration. Bowen, who currently resides in New York, is a full-time artist. Her technique of painting, called text-based fresco, incorporates words in poems, lyrics, and other written forms
that are embedded in the abstract imagery of her oil paintings. Images include landscapes, bands of color, monochromatic, or elements of the human figure, revealing a zoomed-in perspective of body and face.

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(Not) Sheep Gallery
(Not) Sheep Gallery will feature *The Masks We Wear*, a show of new work by Paul Richmond, through the month of October. This show, which plays off of and is intentionally coordinated with Highball Halloween, is a clever play on words that led Richmond, a CCAD alumni, to explore identity issues amongst the LGBTQIA community. He uses decorative masks to capture moods or imply how people present themselves to the world; people either hide behind a mask of normalcy, or being “straight,” or present the story they want told. The exhibition will include a piece portraying Nina West, and the reception at the gallery from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. will include an information table for anti-bullying project You Will Rise.

Sarah Gormley Gallery
Sarah Gormley Gallery will participate in *Columbus in Cuba, Cuba in Columbus* in October, an unprecedented, multi-event, multi-venue group of exhibitions showcasing the work of artists from central Ohio and Cuba.

Opened in April of this year, the gallery is dedicated to the idea that art is a source of joy and that owning an original work of art is something that should be accessible to everyone. Proprietor Sarah Gormley connects emerging and established artists with first-time art buyers and long-time collectors through a shared appreciation for original art and its power to stir us from within.

Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio
Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio will continue to feature a solo abstract painting exhibition titled *Saw* by New Albany based artist Chris Taylor through October 26. An artist reception will be held during Gallery Hop from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The various elements in Taylor’s paintings are in constant competition for the foreground. What appears to be a hole in a plane can also be perceived as an object in front of the plane. Surfaces that serve as grounds in one area of a painting are formed into figures in another area. Stripes weave before and behind one another. Shapes whose contours suggest that they lie behind other shapes, have colors that cause them to advance. These dynamics create a lively, vibrant tension in his paintings, not only optically, but also materially and conceptually. They invite
questions about visual relationships, and about relationships between images and objects, and between paintings and their supports.

Sharon Weiss Gallery
Sharon Weiss Gallery will feature Recent Works, realist paintings by CCAD drawing instructor Nathaniel Underwood. Observations of interior scenes from the artist's home and figurative studies created at the Ohio Art League Figurative Sessions.

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Sherrie Gallerie
Sherrie Gallerie will feature Columbus in Cuba, Cuba in Columbus artists April Sunami, Barb Vogel, and Julie Woodrow in October. Meet the artists in the gallery from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hoppers can also catch the special exhibition honoring Maestro Davide Salvadore and his sons Mattia and Marco Salvadore in The Salvadore Family: Generations of Glass Artists, on view through October 13.

Studios on High
Columbus Nocturnes, a visual narrative of different Columbus neighborhoods at dusk by Jessica Wojtasek, opens October 5 at Studios on High Gallery and continues through October 31. Wojtasek is an urban landscape painter who knows living in cities can be unremarkable at times. For Columbus Nocturnes, she sought out these familiar settings and focused on their uniqueness. She highlights the subtle qualities that sometimes goes unnoticed; the simple beauty of how a cool streetlight reflects over pavements in the rain.

Wojtasek’s nocturne paintings balance realism with abstraction to create an illusion of reflectivity, placing the viewer directly in the scene. These works depict the city of Columbus with drama, mood and personality.

Other Gallery Hop Activities

BrewDog Short North
Throughout the month of October, BrewDog Short North will be hosting works from Video Game Art (VGA) Gallery. Stop by during the October Gallery Hop for the opening reception from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Founded in 2013 in the lively game community of Chicago, VGA Gallery seeks to increase cultural appreciation and education of video games and new media through exhibition, study, critique, and sale. Annual programs include Exhibitions and Events featuring the work of significant artists and game developers from around the world; Education programs are comprised of talks,
screenings, and student programs; the VGA fine art print collection encompasses giclées and posters of artwork from video games; and a scholarly publications program that includes the VGA Reader, a peer-reviewed journal that highlights new scholarship about video games and new media art.

**Glean**
Glean will feature repurposed works with flair and uniquely humorous results by local artists Veronica Crawford and Chris Rodock for the month of October.

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Working with found and forgotten objects, Crawford merges fragments of pop culture and mass media with natural and cosmic landscapes to create surreal collages. Rodock, an admitted Thriftoholic, loves the creative challenge of combining baby dolls with old toys, bottles, tins and clocks. She often incorporates words or phrases to add an element of whimsy.

Additionally, Glean will host macabre art, psychics, astrologers, and tarot card readings from Willow Niemela during Gallery Hop! Niemela, a psychic medium who hails from a long line of psychic women, teaches a variety of classes, including Tarot and Psychic Development classes. Her work is heart-centered and her goal is to not only offer clients spirit-led guidance, but to empower them to tap into their own intuition.

**Global Gifts**
October is Fair Trade Month and Global Gifts will be kicking off a month full of events at Gallery Hop! Stop by to learn how your purchase of ethical goods supports artisans, farmers, and producers who are improving their lives through their craft. Sample fair trade and organic coffee and sign up for your chance to win a handmade Day of the Dead skeleton from Peru!

**Greater Columbus Convention Center**
How about a selfie with a 14-foot-high digital portrait of yourself? Visit the SMG-managed Greater Columbus Convention Center during Gallery Hop on Saturday, October 5 to view the largest contemporary collection of central Ohio art! The artwork features the interactive “As We Are” sculpture by Matthew Mohr. This 14-foot-tall, three-dimensional universal human head sculpture contains a photo booth capable of shooting 3-D pictures. After each photo shoot, the guest emerges from the booth to see his or her portrait projected as the enlarged face of “As We Are.” The special Gallery Hop parking rate in the Goodale Garage is $5 per vehicle from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Short North Stage**
The Rocky Horror Show returns to Short North Stage! After a record breaking, seven-week sold-out run, mad scientist and infamous transsexual Frank N. Furter leaps across the time warp to make his Short North Stage return in this wildly popular tribute to sci-fi and B-grade horror movies. This magical phenomenon borrows delightfully from those horror conventions as an
innocent young couple is stranded at the haunted castle of the strange doctor, who is building Rocky—the perfect man. In the castle, you’ll meet a strange cast of characters as the voluptuous doctor releases hidden desires in the young couple.

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Vibrant songs and dance recapture the sexual liberation of the 1970s, “One of the most bizarrely entertaining and satisfying musicals ever made,” wrote Broadway World. So dig out your fishnets and vinyl and dress up if you dare. Just don’t miss this fast-paced, high-energy explosion of fetish fun. Catch a show at 5 p.m. or 9 p.m. during Gallery Hop, and upgrade to a VIP Table with four seats, participation bags, one free drink ticket per person, and a selfie with a cast member after the show!

Skully’s Music Diner
Will Reagan of United Pursuit will be at Skully’s Music Diner the night of Gallery Hop! Doors for this event will open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 6 p.m. Advance tickets for $22 available at Magnolia Thunderpussy Records, Used Kids Records, and on TicketWeb. Tickets at the door will be $25.

THREAD
Petry Platters will be popping up at THREAD with their gorgeous grazing board display. THREAD will also be showcasing new arrivals for Fall!

About Gallery Hop
On the first Saturday of every month, thousands of visitors converge on High Street in the Short North Arts District for Gallery Hop. Visitors celebrate art throughout the evening with new gallery exhibitions, street performers and artisan vendors, special events, food, and drinks throughout the District. With dozens of galleries and non-traditional exhibit spaces, it’s Columbus’ favorite night of the month to celebrate art. Though many shops and galleries are open earlier, Gallery Hop officially starts at 4 p.m. and runs to 10 p.m., with restaurants and bars staying open considerably later.

About the Short North Arts District
The Short North Arts District is the most vibrant spot in the City of Columbus, and is home to more than 300 exciting businesses, the majority of which are locally-owned or headquartered. It has received numerous national accolades, is considered a model for urban revitalization, and is known as the art and soul of Columbus. The Short North Alliance (SNA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving both the property owners and business owners of the Short North Arts
District. For more information, visit www.shortnorth.org.

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