

# BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY

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**Bridgette Mayer Gallery Holds Benefit Exhibition Supporting Philadelphia Dance Company BalletX:  
Exhibition will be on view July 9<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with an opening reception Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>,  
6 – 8:30 PM.**

Between 1954 and 1964, Robert Rauschenberg and Merce Cunningham collaborated on over twenty performances, forging an extraordinary partnership between the visual arts and contemporary dance. Rauschenberg created backdrops, props and costumes for Cunningham's free-thinking, experimental choreography. More than half a century later, Bridgette Mayer Gallery finds inspiration in Cunningham's idea that "the dance is an art in space and time," as the gallery assembles an expansive group exhibition to benefit BalletX, Philadelphia's premier contemporary ballet company.

More than 200 artists have been selected to create 400 paintings, photographs, collages, and sculptures for the exhibition which will run July 9<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Each artist is working with one or two ten inch square panels generously donated by Ampersand Art Supply. Philadelphia, national, and international artists from every point in their career—from recent MFA graduates to established artists held in prominent museum collections – will exhibit side by side in the gallery. Each work will be sold for either \$500 or \$1,000, with proceeds benefitting BalletX. For a list of exhibiting artists, please visit [www.bridgettemayergallery.com/exhibitions/benefit-exhibition-for-balletx](http://www.bridgettemayergallery.com/exhibitions/benefit-exhibition-for-balletx).

In addition to the exhibition, the gallery will be launching [PhillyArtExperience.com](http://PhillyArtExperience.com), a hub and destination website to experience all of the unique and exclusive art events going on in Philadelphia.

BalletX, founded by former Pennsylvania Ballet dancers Christine Cox and Matthew Neenan in 2005, unites distinguished choreographers with an outstanding company of world-class dancers to forge new works of athleticism, emotion, and grace. The company is committed to challenging the boundaries of classical ballet by producing new works of the highest quality and integrity that bring the combined visions of choreographers and dancers to life and cultivate in audiences a collective appetite for bold new dance. Their 2013 Summer Series, *Beautiful Decay*, a world premiere commission by internationally acclaimed choreographer Nicolo Fonte, will run concurrently with our exhibition from July 10-14<sup>th</sup> at The Wilma Theater in Philadelphia. Visit [www.balletx.org](http://www.balletx.org) to learn more.

Bridgette Mayer Gallery, established in 2001, represents and exhibits artists whose work display the variety and genius of contemporary art now being created in the US. The gallery exhibits painting, sculpture and photography with an emphasis on innovative process and content-driven ideas that speak to beauty, technology, culture and the contemporary landscape. Housed in an historic 1799 Philadelphia brownstone, the gallery presents ten exhibitions a year in its 3,000 square foot space and participates in numerous art fairs in the United States.

Summer hours are Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. & by appointment. For additional information please contact Bridgette Mayer at (p) 215-413-8893 (f) 215-413-2283

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