

# BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY

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## ON VIEW

THESE EIGHT GALLERIES ARE PROPELLING PHILADELPHIA ONTO THE INTERNATIONAL ARTS STAGE.



### THE BAZEMORE GALLERY

*Director: Lenny Bazemore*

**Notable Artists:** **Stephen Bruce's** abstract acid paintings on metal have been featured on TV shows and famous movie sets; **Chantal Westby** relies on memory and imagination to bring an image "previously seen" to life on canvas. 4339 Main St., 215-482-1119; [thebazemoregallery.com](http://thebazemoregallery.com)

### BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY

*Owner: Bridgette Mayer*

**Notable Artists:** Painter **Dana Hargrove** investigates how landscapes signify our relations with nature; similarly, **Rebecca Rutstein's** hypergeometric paintings and sculptures (like *Sky Terrain* (2015), ABOVE) focus on geology and how it symbolizes many of life's experiences. 709 Walnut St., 215-413-8893; [bridgettemayergallery.com](http://bridgettemayergallery.com)

### GRAVERS LANE GALLERY

*Owner: Ken Goldenberg;*

*Director: Bruce D. Hoffman*

**Notable Artists:** Cape May native **Barbara Lee Smith** uses industrial-strength polyester for her work, which focuses on land, sea, and sky; **Jinsook So** favors transparent steel cloth, which she manipulates and colors to sculpt vessels. 8405 Germantown Ave., 215-247-1603; [graverslanegallery.com](http://graverslanegallery.com)

### LOCKS GALLERY

*Owner and director: Sueyun Locks*

**Notable Artists:** **Polly Apfelbaum** uses bold colors in her velvet fabric-dyed "fallen paintings" to blur the lines between painting, sculpture, and installation; **Orit Hofshi** is a contemporary

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artist who combines prints along with woodcut panels for large-scale installations that embody contradictions to inspire reflection. 600 Washington Sq. S., 215-629-1000; [locksgallery.com](http://locksgallery.com)

### MERRITT GALLERY & RENAISSANCE FINE ART

*Owners: Merritt Miller and Rachel Rubin*

**Notable Artists:** **Josef Kote** is known for his signature drip effect along the bottom of his vibrant, edgy paintings; sculptor **Sheila Ganch** uses clay to create a contemporary reality with "ancient" surfaces. 385 W. Lancaster Ave., Haverford, 610-645-9945; [merrittgallery-renaissancefinearts.com](http://merrittgallery-renaissancefinearts.com)

### SCHWARZ GALLERY

*Owner and president:*

*Robert D. Schwarz Jr.*

**Notable Artists:** **Herman Herzog**, born in Germany, was inspired greatly by the landscapes he found in the US upon emigrating to West Philadelphia in the late 19th century; **John Durrie Jr.** spent his career painting now-iconic landscapes, still-lives, and portraits. 1806 Chestnut St., 215-563-4887; [schwarzgallery.com](http://schwarzgallery.com)

### SNYDERMAN-WORKS GALLERIES

*Owners: Rick and Ruth Snyderman*

**Notable Artists:** **Norma Minkowitz** explores the cohesion of crocheted sculptures and the importance of drawing; collaborative duo **Ford/Forlano** began their work together in Rome, fusing backgrounds in abstract painting and object art into jewelry design. 303 Cherry St., 215-238-9576; [snyderman-works.com](http://snyderman-works.com)

### WEXLER GALLERY

*Owners: Lewis Wexler and Sherri Apter Wexler*

**Notable Artists:** **Philipp Aduatz**, a Vienna-based designer, focuses on functional pieces that blur the lines between art and design; Japanese-born **Chiyoami Longo** finds inspiration in her personal journey—both physically, in her move to the States, and artistically, in the reconciliation of Japanese and Western forms. 201 N. Third St., 215-923-7030; [wexlergallery.com](http://wexlergallery.com)