

# BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY

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Bridgette Mayer Gallery announces a solo show by represented artist Rebecca Rutstein. "Afterglow" will be on view from April 22 to May 30, 2015, with an opening reception on Friday, May 1, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Bridgette Mayer Gallery is pleased to announce its eighth solo exhibition by contemporary abstract artist, Rebecca Rutstein. "Afterglow" runs from April 22 to May 30, 2015, with an opening reception on Friday, May 1, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The exhibition will feature new, large-scale panoramic paintings and smaller works, as well as an installation of powder-coated steel sculptures in the North Gallery. This series builds upon Rutstein's previous body of work, seamlessly integrating her fascination with geology, mappings, repetitive use of abstracted topographical structures and playful combinations of colors. She describes her artwork as follows:

*My work expands upon my interest in geology and the undercurrents that continually shape and reshape our world. These forces – from gradual erosion to violent upheaval – are powerful metaphors for life experiences and the ebbs and flows of relationships. My paintings become mappings where scale is shifted and obscured. I play with juxtapositions: graphic and atmospheric, organic and geometric, positive and negative, manual and mechanical, solid and linear, micro and macro. I am continually challenged by creating spaces that bridge these polarities.*

Following her solo exhibition at Bridgette Mayer Gallery, Rutstein will embark on an expedition as an "Artist at Sea" in the Eastern Pacific aboard Titanic shipwreck discoverer Dr. Robert Ballard's exploration vessel, Nautilus. She was invited to participate in this groundbreaking STEM initiative studying deep-sea biology, geology, and archaeology and was one of only two artists selected for this honor.

Rebecca Rutstein received her MFA from the University of Pennsylvania in 1997 and her BFA from Cornell University in 1993. She has completed residencies at the Gullkistan Residency program (Laugarvatn, Iceland), the Red Cinder Artist Colony (Na'alehu, Hawaii), the Banff Centre for the Arts (Banff, Canada) and the Vermont Studio Center (Johnson, Vermont). Rutstein has also been a visiting artist at Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA), Rutgers University (Camden, NJ), Tyler School of Art (Philadelphia, PA), Moore College of Art and Design (Philadelphia, PA), University of the Arts (Philadelphia, PA), University of Texas (Tyler, TX), and Swarthmore College (Swarthmore, PA). She was the recipient of a Pew Fellowship in the Arts, a Bridgette Mayer Travel Grant, a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Grant, a Pew Professional Development Grant, and an Independence Foundation

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Fellowship in the Arts. Her extensive exhibition record includes solo shows at the Philadelphia International Airport (Philadelphia, PA), Sylvia White Gallery (Los Angeles, CA), Swarthmore College (Swarthmore, PA) and Fleisher Art Memorial (Challenge Exhibition).

Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & by appointment. For additional information please contact Bridgette Mayer at (p) 215-413-8893 (e) [bmayer@bridgettemayergallery.com](mailto:bmayer@bridgettemayergallery.com)

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