

BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY

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Future Perfect

Decade-old **Bridgette Mayer Gallery** on Washington Square recently underwent a monumental renovation, more than doubling its exhibition space. The transformation resulted in a series of sleek, smart rooms in which contemporary works by emerging and established artists have room to breathe and shine. Look for special works in "The Vault," an arched brick nook that suggests the building's 18th century origins. To celebrate the leap into the next decade, the gallery's first show post-renovation, "Karmic Abstraction," examines the notion of time—in both the artist's process and the viewer's experience. On view through Dec. 31, the show highlights the work of 16 artists, seven of whom are from the Philadelphia area, including Tim McFarlane, whose work is shown at left.

www.bridgettemayergallery.com.

709 Walnut St., 215.413.8893

Antiques

ANASTACIA'S ANTIQUES—Affordably priced antiques and quirky collectibles of all kinds. Th-Sa, noon-6:30 pm; Su, noon-5 pm. 617 Bainbridge St., 215.928.9111. **Map 8H**

FREEMAN'S—One of the premier auction houses for fine arts and antiques is also the nation's oldest. M-F, 9 am-5 pm. www.freemansauction.com. 1808 Chestnut St., 215.563.9275. **Map 6E**

NIEDERKORN ANTIQUE SILVER—Just off of Rittenhouse Square, this tiny store is chock-full of antique and collectible sterling silver ornaments, desk accessories and baby items by Gorham, Tiffany, Jensen and others. Tu-Th, 11:30 am-7 pm; F-Sa, 11:30 am-5:30 pm. www.niederkornsilver.com. 2005 Locust St., 215.567.2606. **Map 6E**

Galleries

ABSOLUTE ABSTRACT/ABSOLUTE POPI—A purveyor of fun, affordable art. Absolute Abstract specializes in custom giclée prints on canvas. Absolute POP! features smaller works on paper. Tu-Sa, 11 am-7 pm; Su, noon-5 pm. www.absolutephilly.com. 141 S. 13th St., 215.733.0190. **Map 3F**

CENTER FOR ART IN WOOD—This art and educational institution focuses on woodworks, showcasing turned and carved sculptures by renowned artists and craftspeople. Tu-F, 10 am-5 pm; Sa, noon-5 pm. www.centerforartinwood.org. 141 N. Third St., 215.923.8000. **Map 4I**

THE CLAY STUDIO—This gallery and educational facility promotes the craft of ceramic arts. Tu-Sa, 11 am-7 pm; Su, noon-6 pm. www.theclaystudio.org. 139 N. Second St., 215.925.3453. **Map 4J**

HUDSON BEACH GLASS—Find more than 40 types of handmade glasses, bowls and more. www.hudsonbeachglass.com. 26 S. Strawberry St., 267.319.1887. **Map 5J**

I. BREWSTER & COMPANY GALLERY—Philly's go-to gallery for contemporary, Impressionist and modern prints, originals and lithographs from masters such as Icart, Degas, Warhol, Picasso and more. M-Sa, 11 am-6 pm; Su, noon-5 pm. www.ibrewster.com. 22nd and Market sts., 215.731.9200. **Map 5D**

LOCKS GALLERY—This elegant gallery on Washington Square features regional, national and international contemporary artists. Tu-Sa, 10 am-6 pm. www.locksgallery.com. 600 Washington Square South, 215.629.1000. **Map 7I**

PENTIMENTI GALLERY—Discover this Old City gallery, which places an emphasis on work that challenges the traditional use of materials and aesthetics. Tu, by appointment; W-F, 11 am-5 pm; Sa, noon-5 pm. www.pentimenti.com. 145 N. Second St., 215.625.9990. **Map 4J**

THE PRINT CENTER—Founded in 1915, this nonprofit gallery supports printmaking and photography as vital contemporary arts. Call for hours. www.printcenter.org. 1614 Latimer St., 215.735.6090. **Map 6F**

SERAPHIN GALLERY—Modern and contemporary paintings, sculpture and photography, often by emerging artists. M-Tu, by appointment; W-Su, 11 am-5 pm. www.seraphin.squarespace.com. 1108 Pine St., 215.923.7000. **Map 7G**

3RD STREET GALLERY ON 2ND STREET—In the heart of Old City's gallery district, 3rd Street Gallery features a diverse mix of artists working in various media. W-Su, noon-5 pm. www.3rdstreetgallery.com. 58 N. Second St., 215.625.0993. **Map 5J**

WEXLER GALLERY—This spacious gallery features museum-quality, contemporary handmade furniture and decorative arts. M, by appointment; Tu-Sa, 10 am-6 pm. www.wexlergallery.com. 201 N. Third St., 215.923.7030. **Map 4I**

→ **ART CRAWL!** Head to Old City Dec. 2 for First Friday, a lively evening of festive openings and artist events at galleries between Front and Third, and Market and Vine streets from 6 to 9 pm.