

Arts & Entertainment

Exhibits



"Blue", photograph by Melissa Gentle

"A Closer Look", a Photography Exhibit by Melissa Gentle

The Jaffrey Civic Center is pleased to present Melissa Gentle's in-depth photographs in the first floor Display Cases from Friday, July 3 through Thursday, July 30.

"Inspiration can bloom from many things, in my case it was family. Two grandmothers with an admirable amount of creativity have motivated me to explore and interpret the world in my own way. I began drawing as a child, and learned the techniques of painting from my grandmothers. I eventually realized photography was my true calling and became devoted to it. New Hampshire reveals many photographic opportunities, and more often than not, I find myself mesmerized by a single subject for hours at a time.

When I am looking through the camera it is as if the viewfinder is my picture frame. Macro photography inspires me to interpret textures, shapes and patterns to transform simple subjects into a particular composition, and even into abstract photographs. A developed patience for timing has become my biggest reward. Viewing each subject at all angles in different lighting helps me understand and connect with the natural world capturing it more appropriately.

Nature has a certain degree of healing, whether it is the shape of a bouquet after the passing of a loved one, or a simple walk through the woods to clear the mind. The connection between human and nature is undeniable, although it seems to be commonly overlooked, that is, until we need healing.

I intend to portray the sense of calmness and inner peace through color, rhythm and balance throughout my work."

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Piccola Opera Presents "The Magic Flute"

CONCORD – Piccola Opera recently located its office and studios on North Main Street in downtown Concord. As they prepare for their Summer Festival production of "The Magic Flute", things are getting very busy at their new studio.

"We are amazed at how well we have been received here in Concord. We are booked three out of five afternoons with voice lessons and are accepting more students as we speak", says Carlos Martinez, Musical Director of Piccola Opera and Conductor of "The Magic Flute". "Things are getting very exciting around here as we get closer to the opera performances this July", says Martinez.

"The Magic Flute" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart will be presented fully staged with orchestra on July 24 and 25, 7:30 pm at the Concord City Auditorium. The 30+ member cast will take to the stage in this opera classic, re-telling the magical, musical tale of faith, hope, and love in high style.

Many of the opera performers for "The Magic Flute" are finalist winners of last fall's Piccola Opera Voice Competition. The lead performers are coming from all over New England to sing in this production. In addition, there are young performers as well in the leading roles of "The Three Spirits" with many polished middle and high school singers who placed in the NH All State Music Festival also singing in the production. "What better way to educate than to have young singers

learn about opera by performing it live on stage? These young singers are more than ready for the challenge", says Martinez.

Jane Cormier, Artistic Director of Piccola Opera has been busy promoting opera here in the Granite State for over 25 years. Jane has worked with Opera NH for 18 years producing live In School performances all over the state. She is currently teaching, "Opera 101", at the OLLI program at Granite State College. "We have a full class of twenty participants who are interested in learning about opera. It is an enthusiastic class, to say the least! This type of education is a perfect way to promote the world of opera. Our organization looks forward to fulfilling our musical mission at every opportunity", says Cormier.

Members of Piccola Opera will also take to the stage at Concord Market Days on June 25, 1:00 pm and June 27, 2:00 pm at the Concord Food Co-op stage.

Piccola Opera is a 501 © (3) organization whose mission is to educate, enlighten, and entertain the public in the realm of opera. They offer musical programming geared toward all ages, including lessons, an after school opera program, adult opera education, as well as fully staged operatic productions.

For more information about Piccola Opera visit www.piccolaopera.net. Tickets, membership, and advertising opportunities are all available at the website.

NHIA/Sharon Arts Center Host "Coming of Age: Artists Under 30"

Exhibit will be at Sharon Arts Center gallery in Peterborough from July 3- August 27, 2015

Manchester – NH Institute of Art (NHIA) will host the juried exhibit, "Coming of Age: Artists Under 30" at the Sharon Arts Center exhibition gallery at 30 Grove Street in Peterborough. The event will kick off at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 3, with a free opening reception and award presentations, and will run through August 27.

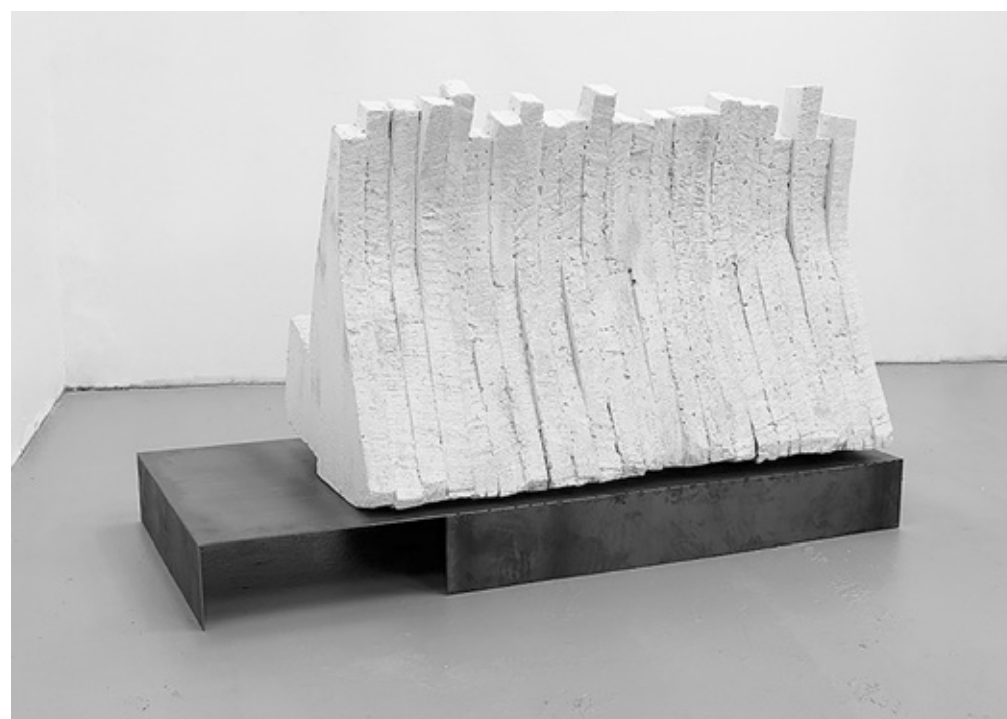
On view will be the works of 20 exceptional young artists from around the country, who work in various media, including two-dimensional, three-dimensional, installation and performance arts. They include: Sarah Bilotta, Laura Buchan, Neil Daigle-Orians, Daniel Duarte, Bin Feng, Jean Fernandes, Hannah Goldsmith, Lindsay Hall, Ethan Hamby, Joshua Haunschild, Benjamin Hersh, Laura Hodgton, Sawool Kim, Alexandra Knox, Joseph Paushel, Colin Richard, Mollie Sinclair, Sarah Tortora, Carlie Trosclair, and Xiong Xuan.

Kate Lenahan, assistant director of NHIA's galleries, is curator of this third installment in NHIA's invitational "Coming of Age" series.

"We're very happy to introduce these very gifted, emerging young artists to the New



Bin Feng, The American Dream - Oh Darling! It's too distracting! Digital C-print.



Sarah Tortora, Andromeda. Steel, Styrofoam.

Hampshire public," she said. "We encourage everyone to come see their works, and be inspired by their talent."

The exhibit is juried by Michelle Aldridge, a prolific writer, speaker and consultant. Formerly with the MacDowell Colony, she is currently founding editor of Gwarlingo, a popular, online arts and culture journal about visual art, music, books, film and the creative process. She is a regular cultural commentator on NPR's "Word of Mouth" and lectures on contemporary art in various venues, including the Currier Museum of Art, Cleveland Institute of Art, and Monadnock Writer's Group.

On opening night, there will be a performance piece by participating artist, Alexandra Knox. Additionally, Artscope Magazine will be on hand to preview the exhibit for their July/August 2015 issue.

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details, contact the Sharon Arts Center exhibition gallery at 924-7676.

"THE WEDDING SINGER" the Musical Presented by Teen Actorsingers

A talented troupe of 24 actors of aged 13-19 from Nashua and surrounding towns are sure to amaze with their rendition of the classic Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore movie, THE WEDDING SINGER (Rated PG). This terrific team under the Artistic Direction of Tim Stanley, Musical Direction of Henry Kopczynskie III, and the Choreography of Brittney-Lynne Stanley is set to astound any audience!

There will be four performances: July 17 at 8:00 pm, July 18 at 2:00 pm and 8:00pm, and July 19 at 2:00 pm. Shows will be held at the Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court Street in Nashua. All seats are reserved and

tickets may be purchased online at actorsingers.org, calling 320-1870, or at the theatre one hour before each show. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

The show stars Nick Page as the spirited wedding singer, Robbie Hart and Emma Benson as Julia Sullivan, the idealistic waitress, dreaming of her perfect wedding day. Lille Ellars appears as Holly, Julia's rambunctious and racy best friend and Brady Wall as Glen Guglia, Julia's long term boyfriend and fiancée. Robbie's wedding band is rounded out by Sean Vigeant as Sammy and Nicholas Mason as George. Katherine Towle is Linda, Robbie's soon to be bride and Ros-

played by Susan Dudka, is his grandmother. The role of Angie, Julia's bitter mom, will be played by Jill Tokac.

THE WEDDING SINGER is the story of Robbie Hart who dreamed of becoming a rock star. The year is 1985 and Robbie lives with his Grandmother Rosie while working as a wedding singer. However, his prospects are not all grim as he an-

nounces his upcoming marriage to Linda. At the same time he meets and gets to know the new waitress, Julia Sullivan, who has a long time boyfriend, Glen Guglia. As their love lives are simultaneously coming together and falling apart, what can possibly happen when they discover newfound feelings for each other?



Unique Photo Processes by Robert Santangelo

The Jaffrey Civic Center is pleased to announce a very unique exhibit of photographs by Robert Santangelo beginning with an opening to the public from 5-7 pm on Friday, July 3 in the first floor Auditorium Gallery and run until Saturday, August 1.

This showing of photographs are in the unusual form of Metal Prints, Hand Prints using chemicals and Digital Prints using quality photo-lustre paper. The Metal Prints were processed with compliments by Adorama, Inc of New York. All of these processes lend unusual visual

appreciations. The stunning images range from New York City's Central Park to Jaffrey and some islands of Maine. Architecture, flora, fauna and the people who live in and among it all are the subjects for you to enjoy.

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NHIA's Sharon Arts Center to Host "Mia Mead: Explorations of Light and Color"

SHARON – New Hampshire Institute of Art (NHIA) will be hosting "Mia Mead: Explorations of Light and Color" at the Sharon Arts Center located at 30 Grove Street in Peterborough, NH from July 3 to August 1, 2015. The exhibit will open with a reception on Friday, July 3 from 5 to 7 pm in the Members Gallery.

Mia Mead, a New England native, is known for her love of watercolor and for exploring the effects of light in landscape. This particular exhibit will showcase a variety of works Mead completed while traveling in France as well as works she has produced since coming to Peterborough in 2008. She has recently tak-

en interest in more abstract paintings and is enjoying the challenge of transitioning from landscapes to the subtle qualities of abstract works.

"We're thrilled to host this exhibit and look forward to sharing this sampling of Mead's work with gallery visitors," said Kate Lenahan, assistant director of NHIA's galleries. "We work hard to curate exhibits that people enjoy and can be inspired by and Mead's collection is certainly no exception."

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday: 10a.m. to 6p.m., and Sunday, 11a.m. to 4p.m. Gallery: 924-7676.

Summer Fun at Bedford Youth Performing Company

BEDFORD – BYPC is gearing up for a summer of fun. Offering 18 camps, Creative Kids Summer Preschool, summer dance lessons and private music lessons there is certainly something for everyone. BYPC is thrilled to be partnering with Preschool in the Village again this year to offer two musical theatre production camps, Seussical the Musical and Junie B. Jones July 6-17. Whether your child is new to the theatre or has experience on the stage these production camps tap in to their creativity and give them the opportunity to discover hidden

talents. Summer is a time for exploring the world around you. This year BYPC is excited to offer Mad Science Theatre Camps for preschoolers and elementary aged students. Campers will brainstorm and collaborate on experiments, they will also work individually and see results that will inspire a summer of discovery.

BYPC truly offers something for everyone, please visit bypc.org or call 472-3894 for a complete listing of our camps, programs, lessons and summer preschool.

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