



*Color My Day*, 30" x 30", Acrylic, Dura-lar on cradled panel, 2018

### ***Loud + Proud***

Opening Reception | Friday, November 30th 2018 | 5:00-7:00pm | Gilded Pear Gallery  
Exhibition continues until January 18th, 2019

### **Gilded Pear Gallery**

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## **LOUD + PROUD**

### **Description:**

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.— Gilded Pear Gallery is pleased to present *Loud + Proud*, a solo exhibit of new works by Iowa artist Mary Zeran.

Mary Zeran was raised in a family of women artists whose textiles, embroidery, and woodcarvings, existed as their visual language; enigmatic shapes and forms were their words. Each time she picks up a brush or scissors she immerses herself in the language of her family, which brings her ever closer to their traditions, histories, and stories.

In *Loud + Proud*, she is accumulating colorful swatches of personalities and circumstances, and translating these abstract impressions into two-dimensional forms. From all of the places she's

lived, Mary recalls the personal interactions she's had with folks from around the country and abroad. "Each and every one of us is a unique mix of experiences-someone special and rare," she states. Loud and proud, becomes the mantra behind this collection of works: "We need to honor ourselves, let our freak flags fly, go for the gusto, not be stopped by what we are or are not, and encourage the same in others." Frenetic patterned layers, surprising color combinations, plus a large installation of 100 pieces are presented in this exhibit as a testament to this idea.

Mary Zeran received her B.F.A and M.F.A from University of Iowa. She was born in Iowa City in 1964 and now lives and works in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She is the recipient of several awards and honors and her works are in numerous public and private collections as well as many notable corporate collections. Her collage works have been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in galleries and museums throughout the United States and abroad including the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art; Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, in Kansas City; SOIL Gallery in Seattle; Higher Art Gallery in Michigan; and Chaing Mai University in Chaing Mai, Thailand.

Gilded Pear Gallery is located at 808 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. For hours and more information visit [www.gildedpeargallery.com](http://www.gildedpeargallery.com) –or- call: 319-366-0205

**Parking, Accessibility, Cost:**

A limited parking lot is available with 1 handicap space. On street- 2 hour parking is available on 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> street- no meters (events do not typically exceed 2 hours). Adjacent from the gallery, there is an open parking lot at Salvation Army for overflow parking.

**All exhibit receptions are free and open to the public.**