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Mary Zeran *Listening Shift* 24" x 36". Acrylic, Duralar on Cradled Panel

Kick the Winter Blues with an Art Exhibition in the Full Spectrum

A Rainbow Colored Dream!

Opening on Friday December 1st from 5-7pm

An Artist Talk will follow on Thursday, January 11th, 5:30-7pm

Exhibition continues until January 19th

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.--Gilded Pear Gallery presents its annual solo exhibition from local artist, Mary Zeran. 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. The 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.

Mary Zeran grew up 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. Abstracted flowers, trees, and all the

colors of nature, speak her mother tongue. “When I conceived *A Rainbow Colored Dream!*, I dreamt of exploring colors I’d always feared and mixing new ones I’d never seen. I had hopes that it would be a bold visual jump. Instead, the small increments and minor gradations captured my eye. I delved deep into layers, creating more unfamiliar patterns. Painted multi-colored dots that run and beautiful expanses of patterned strips- I dared to form new relationships with these cuts and shapes,” says Zeran about the upcoming exhibit. 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.

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