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1. Mary Zeran. *Love in Action*. Acrylic, Duralar on cradled panel. 30" x 30"x 2"
2. Mary Zeran. *Land of Highs and Lows*. Acrylic, Duralar on cradled panel. 30" x 30"x 2"

***Dance Party*** by Mary Zeran- solo exhibition  
Exhibit Dates: December 3, 2021-January 29, 2022  
Reception: December 3, 5:00-7:30pm

**Gilded Pear Gallery**  
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## DANCE PARTY

### Description:

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.— Gilded Pear Gallery is excited to present “Dance Party” a solo exhibition of colorful abstract paintings by Cedar Rapids 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.

This exhibition marks a turning point in Zeran’s artwork- a departure from the abstract narrative, or what she calls her “really flat sculptures”. “*Dance Party* is my homage to an era- a celebration in the moment for the work that was (and will be)”, she says. “Making art is like dancing or listening to music. You allow it to totally envelope you. There’s a sense of throwing yourself out into the world...letting go...jumping out...becoming one with the moment. The brushstrokes in these

paintings mirror the undulating movements of my arms. Lines become paths my feet travel.” The works on display in the exhibition are paper and panel pieces commemorating over a decade of her signature rhythmic, vibrant, joyous abstract artworks.

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.

A reception will be held at the gallery December 3, 2021 from 5:00-7:30pm. \*Event details regarding COVID-19 below. *Dance Party* is in the Main Exhibition space on the first floor. Our second floor gallery is currently showing *Holiday Shop* artworks under \$500. For more information visit <http://www.gildedpeargallery.com>—or- call: 319-366-0205

**Gallery operations, features, and procedure during the COVID-19 pandemic:**

Event: The gallery requires that all persons visiting (vaccinated or unvaccinated) be masked for our events. We appreciate you doing your part to keep everyone healthy! If you feel sick, have a fever, have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not fully recovered, or have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting your test results, you may not participate in this event. The exhibit will be on view for a while, stop back in when you’re feeling better! Food and beverage details will be updated on our social media and website; as well as RSVP link to the event.

Visit Us: Drop in anytime during our expanded holiday hours: Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm, Open late on Thursday 10:00am-6:30pm, Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm, and CLOSED on Sunday. Appointments for our services (i.e.-custom framing, art appraisals) are preferred. Private viewing appointments are still being offered and can be made by contacting the gallery via email or phone.

Features: A limited parking lot is available with 1 handicap space. On street parking is available on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street- non-metered. The MedQuarter features protected bike lanes and bicycle “parking” can be found on the opposite side of the building by the Pocket Park on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**There are no admission fees for private viewings or receptions.**