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The Gilded Girls

Exhibit Dates: July 2 – August 14, 2021
Staff Exhibition and 10 Year Anniversary Party

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THE GILDED GIRLS

Description:

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.— To commemorate Gilded Pear’s 10th anniversary, the summer exhibition will be showcasing artworks made by gallery staff artists! Gilded Pear Gallery is thrilled be able to celebrate in person after gatherings had come to a halt due to the pandemic. Join in on the fun for the Party and Reception, July 16th, 5:00-7:30pm CST. Please RSVP!
*Event details regarding COVID-19 below.

The exhibit features drawings, paintings, and sculptures by Linda Ge, Suzy McGrane-Hop and Lauren Tucci. While the title of the exhibit references the popular TV show “The Golden Girls” the artworks on display pay little homage to the sitcom giant (though the ‘Girls’ themselves unite the artists).

Suzy McGrane-Hop, [owner] creates large, textural, moody abstract paintings for this exhibit. She says of the work, “I am inspired by colors in nature; it could be a spectacular sunset or

storm clouds or just a muted gray sort of day. These new pieces are exploring thinly painted areas with soft muted colors and more relaxed brushwork, and contrasting areas of more intense colors and more active, “painterly” brushstrokes. My works borrow elements inspired by abstract expressionist as well as color field artists.”

Charcoal drawings and abstract sculptures from Linda Ge [gallery assistant and inventory manager] are achromatic observations of our basic anatomy echoed in nature: “I extract forms from my drawings and flesh them out in clay, firmly grounding their existence in our reality; the ceramic sculptures and vessels in turn act as three-dimensional canvases. In this sense, my drawings and ceramic pieces are extensions of one another rather than separate entities.”

Lauren Tucci [gallery director] investigates our everyday interactions in the form of household décor, furniture, and other objects. Colorful and monochrome ceramic sculptures and original prints narrate interpersonal conflicts and conditions with dark humor. “I love a film with fabulous set design. If you watch the movie without sound/captions or actors, you would be able to follow the tone of the story with just lighting and paying mind to the objects in scene. The work I create personifies these background characters, depicting, in a bizarre way, our human existence with one another.”

^(GE: pronounced “Gee”...like “G” the letter); (TUCCI: pronounced “too-chee”...like Stanley Tucci)

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

***COVID-19: If you have not been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you must wear a face mask that covers both your mouth and nose during this event. Face masks are encouraged (but optional) for vaccinated guests.** 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 regular business hours: Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm, 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 (this is a great option for anyone still leery about public events).

Features: A limited parking lot is available with 1 handicap space. On street parking is available on 3rd Avenue and 8th 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 3rd and 8th.

There are no admission fees for private viewings or receptions.