

PHILADELPHIA STYLE

The Best Art Galleries in Philly

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These eight galleries are propelling Philadelphia onto the international arts stage.



Sky Terrain, 2015

THE BAZEMORE GALLERY

Director: Lenny Bazemore

Notable Artists: Stephen Bruce's abstract acid paintings on metal have been featured on TV shows and famous movie sets; Chantal Westby relies on memory and imagination to bring an image "previously seen" to life on canvas. *4339 Main St., 215-482-1119*

BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY

Owner: Bridgette Mayer

Notable Artists: Painter Dana Hargrove investigates how landscapes signify our relations with nature; similarly, Rebecca Rutstein's hypergeometric paintings and sculptures (like

Sky Terrain (2015)) focus on geology and how it symbolizes many of life's experiences. *709 Walnut St., 215-413-8893*

GRAVERS LANE GALLERY

Owner: Ken Goldenberg; **Director:** Bruce D. Hoffman

Notable Artists: Cape May native Barbara Lee Smith uses industrial-strength polyester for her work, which focuses on land, sea, and sky; Jinsook So favors transparent steel cloth, which she manipulates and colors to sculpt vessels. *8405 Germantown Ave., 215-247-1603*

LOCKS GALLERY

Owner and director: Sueyun Locks

Notable Artists: Polly Apfelbaum uses bold colors in her velvet fabric-dyed "fallen paintings" to blur the lines between painting, sculpture, and installation; Orit Hofshi is a contemporary artist who combines prints along with woodcut panels for large-scale installations that embody contradictions to inspire reflection. *600 Washington Sq. S., 215-629-1000*

MERRITT GALLERY & RENAISSANCE FINE ART

Owners: Merritt Miller and Rachel Rubin

Notable Artists: Josef Kote is known for his signature drip effect along the bottom of his vibrant, edgy paintings; sculptor Sheila Ganch uses clay to create a contemporary reality with "ancient" surfaces. *385 W. Lancaster Ave., Haverford, 610-645-9945*

SCHWARZ GALLERY

Owner and president: Robert D. Schwarz Jr.

Notable Artists: Herman Herzog, born in Germany, was inspired greatly by the landscapes he found in the US upon emigrating to West Philadelphia in the late 19th century; John Durrie Jr. spent his career painting now-iconic landscapes, still-lives, and portraits. *1806 Chestnut St., 215-563-4887*

SNYDERMAN-WORKS GALLERIES

Owners: Rick and Ruth Snyderman

Notable Artists: Norma Minkowitz explores the cohesion of crocheted sculptures and the importance of drawing; collaborative duo Ford/Forlano began their work together in Rome, fusing backgrounds in abstract painting and object art into jewelry design. 303

Cherry St., 215-238-9576

WEXLER GALLERY

Owners: Lewis Wexler and Sherri Apter Wexler

Notable Artists: Philipp Aduatz, a Vienna-based designer, focuses on functional pieces that blur the lines between art and design; Japanese-born Chiyomi Longo finds inspiration in her personal journey—both physically, in her move to the States, and artistically, in the reconciliation of Japanese and Western forms. 201 N. Third St., 215- 923-

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