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Zenith Gallery Presents:

Material Madness — Re-Utilize, Re-Invent and Re-Create
Introducing New Artists to Zenith Gallery

At 1429 Iris St., NW Washington, DC 20012-1409

Artists: Patrick Collins, Gavin Sewell, Jennifer Wagner

Opening Reception to Meet the Artists: Saturday September 13th, 2pm - 6pm

Show Dates: September 13 – October 25, 2014

Open, Friday and Saturday 12-6pm, Daily by Appointment: please call-202-783-2963



Patrick Collins



Gavin Sewell



Jennifer Wagner

Patrick Collins: Is both an accomplished musician and painter. He has studied music and art in Madrid, Paris, and Manhattan, and lived in Vietnam, Greece, Yugoslavia, England, France and Spain. Collins has been engaged with the arts since the age of nine, actively pursuing music, theater and the visual arts.

There is no conclusion just the illusion of resolution, it's really the simplification of fusion in its organic state, you can watch and it will reveal in the abstract a secret.

Gavin Sewell: makes intricate, thoughtful mixed media artworks emphasizing narrative and sensuality. His novelistic storytelling and intuitive abstract painting fuse into wall-sculptures layered with photographs, paint, and found objects applied in diverse ways. From patterns observed in a few select components at the beginning of my process, he interweaves layer on layer, adding elements strategically, or intuitively, to reach a dynamic confrontation of intellect and mood.

His development has been steadily nourished by great mixed-media artists of the past, including Kurt Schwitters, Robert Rauschenberg and the Kienholzes. Additionally, contemporary artists inspire him, such as: Fred Tomaselli, Julian Schnabel and Aurel Schmidt. Due to a lifelong visual impairment, he has access to the Library of Congress audio collection; the books he listens to while painting also leave their trace on my work.

He sees his pieces as the post-modern equivalent of religious icons, memory gardens or totem poles; objects in which a viewer's gaze finds and explores systems of interpretation and meaning in a shared situation with the artwork. He feels his practice seizes the anonymous debris of contemporary life - advertisements, litter, media images - and appropriates them into matrices of subjective symbolism. He strives to push the narrative element as far as it can go in materiality and, beyond merely illustrating, signify stories infused with broad, universal themes and questions.

Jennifer Wagner: Wagner owns and operates Jen Wagner Mosaics, and is well known for creating large-scale community murals, private commissions and gallery work. Her mosaics can be found in private residences, community organizations, schools, restaurants and salons across the region.

Some of her most notable installations are at Ava's Restaurant in St. Michaels, Cannery Way in Cambridge and Easton Market Square. She completed multiple public art installations in the summer of 2012. She also teaches bi-weekly classes at the Academy Art Museum. In 2008, Wagner received the Beautification Award from Cambridge, Maryland. In 2009, *What's Up? Eastern Shore* magazine she was named One of the Top 12 People to Watch and in 2010's *What's Up? Eastern Shore*, readers voted her Gallery 26 "Most Unique Gifts." In 2011, Wagner was named "Best Artist on the Upper Shore" by *Maryland Life* magazine. Jennifer will be doing a large commission for the new Brookland Middle School in Ward 5.

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Gallery Hours: Friday and Saturday 12-6 pm any other times by appointment

Celebrating 36 years in the nation's capital, Zenith is recognized for its unique mix of contemporary art in a wide variety of media, style and subject. The gallery provides high-quality acquisition, art consulting, commissioning, appraisal and framing services, through its gallery/salon/ sculpture garden off 16th Street at 1429 Iris St NW, WDC 20012. Zenith curates rotating exhibits at the Eleven Sculpture Space at 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20004