
THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER THING

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Sara Jane Lapp, Map of Prague.

SALUTING TALENT AT ARTPROV

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Featuring an eclectic mix of works, "This and That" is a show that ArtProv Gallery plans to serve as a guideline to the year ahead. It runs through January 20 and will be followed by "Henry's Kids" in February.

New work by a handful of artists from the first show will carry over into the second exhibition, with the list of participants expanding to include a whopping 31 artists who acknowledge the importance that Rhode Island College professor emeritus Enrico Pinardi has had in their lives. "Henry's Kids" is intended to serve as a salute to Pinardi, whose work is represented by Pucker Gallery in Boston, and whose influence ignited in his students a sense of enduring creative drive.

"This and That" has a fascinating assortment on view, including abstract works, figurative works, landscapes, animal imagery and avian subject matter. Linnea Leeming's paintings inform the gallery's entry space for this show. Their arrangement creates an interlude of lush abstraction with a sense of sensual atmosphere.

The exhibition unfolds as a show that includes 2D and 3D artworks by 17 artists. "Map of Prague" is an ink and gouache painting by Sarah Jane Lapp that conveys a playful whimsy. Lapp went to Prague as a Fulbright Scholar, and her work is inspired by the memory of her arrival by plane. The dense flower bomb pattern of her cloudbursts breaks to reveal the city below. Lapp's motif is reminiscent of the colors one might see on ceramics from the Prague region. (The artist has had facsimiles of her Prague image printed as a novelty jigsaw puzzle of 1000 pieces available online.)

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