

Blackstone Hotel Art Hall

Historically, the Blackstone Hotel exhibited local artists in its ornate Beaux-Arts gallery. The new Blackstone Hotel revives this tradition of rotating exhibitions by showing student artwork from nearby arts colleges.

The Blackstone is privileged to be in the vicinity of some of the highest caliber art schools in the country. By providing the opportunity for students to exhibit their work in the restored fifth-floor Art Hall, the Blackstone continues to promote Chicago's rich arts community.

The artworks featured in this inaugural exhibition are by students and alumni of neighboring Columbia College: Allyson Gaston, Alyssa Hodes, Cheryl Joan Sellers and Nicholas Steindorf.

Cheryl Joan Sellers skillfully renders her paintings from memories and found photographs. She is interested in removing individuals from personal contexts and transforming them into cultural icons.

Alyssa Hodes creates intricate woodcuts and prints them on various types of paper. Her images present animals both at play and at rest emphasizing the details of each.

Nicholas Steindorf's powerful and vivid reflection paintings capture unique views of Chicago. His urban landscapes play with the various views and vantage points of Chicago's overwhelming architecture.

Allyson Gaston delicately embellishes digital images with acrylic, gesso, pencil and ink. In doing so, she textures the images invigorating and enhancing her subjects to create unique multi-layered works.

Blackstone Hotel Art Hall Checklist



Nicholas Steindorf
Reflections Over Water
Oil on Canvas
24" x 36"



Cheryl Joan Sellers
At the Beach
Oil on Board
14" x 18"



Cheryl Joan Sellers
Golfer
Watercolor on Paper
14" x 18"



Allyson Gaston
Brooklyn Fence 1
Gesso, Acrylic, Ink, Pencil on Digital Print
24" x 36"



Allyson Gaston
Brooklyn Fence 2
Gesso, Acrylic, Ink, Pencil on Digital Print
24" x 36"



Nicholas Steindorf
Reflections of A Skyline 2
Oil in Canvas
36" x 24"



Cheryl Joan Sellers

Pool Shark
Oil on Masonite
40" x 60"



Allyson Gaston

She Gave Him Flowers Instead
Gesso, Watercolor and Ink on Digital Print
24" x 36"



Allyson Gaston

They Lived In A Forest of Technicolor
Gesso and Ink on Digital Print
24" x 36"



Alyssa Hodes

Image 1
Woodcut Print on Paper
22" x 30"



Nicholas Steindorf

Reflections of A Skyline 1
Oil on Canvas
36" x 24"



Alyssa Hodes

Image 2
Woodcut on Paper
22" x 30"