

Juried impressionist show opening at Gallery - Omaha World-Herald: Web Edition Articles (NE) - May 10, 2018

May 10, 2018 | Omaha World-Herald: Web Edition Articles (NE) | Staff Writer

SINCE its founding in 2012, **Gallery 1516** has been dedicated to featuring regional artists. up until now, though, all those artists have hailed from Nebraska. That changes in a big way this weekend with an exhibition featuring artists from Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, arkansas, Illinois, Indiana and, of course, Nebraska.

It's a big list, but then again, so is the show. The "Missouri Valley Impressionist society 2018 National Juried Exhibition" features over 50 artists and nearly 70 paintings, with scenes ranging from a lone fisherman casting a line in a trout stream to bartenders mixing drinks. rural landscapes emerge as a consistent theme, but so too do urban slices of life.

Artist rachel Mindrup, one of the society's founding members, sees the exhibition as one of the best ways to share impressionism created in the region with the public.

"When people think of impressionism, they think of Monet.

That's not it. People like John singer sargent were also impressionists. We really want to create dialogues around impressionism and show high-quality representational work."

For Mindrup, the only place to do that is **Gallery 1516**.

"This is the first time we're holding a show in Nebraska, and there's no better place for showing representational art. I said, 'That's the **gallery** I want. That's the place to celebrate it.'"

Patrick drickey, the **gallery's** director, was thrilled with Mindrup's request. "When rachel asked us to host the show, she had my attention as soon as she said 'impressionism,'" he said. "We're excited to be a part of this."

Gallery 1516, 1516 Leavenworth St. "Missouri Valley Impressionist society 2018 National Juried Exhibition." Opening reception: 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday. Through June 30. **Gallery** hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. First Friday. gallery1516.org or 402-305-1510.