

Thomas Deans Fine Art

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Summer Pleasures

Annual Summer Group Exhibition

With a spotlight on two well-known Atlanta Artists: Steve Steinman and Tom Francis

Dates: June 14 – August 17, 2019

Opening Reception for the artists: Friday, June 14, 6:00-8:00 pm

Thomas Deans Fine Art, 690 Miami Circle NE #905, Atlanta, GA 30324

Gallery Hours: Monday - Saturday, 11-5

Thomas Deans Fine Art is pleased to present *Summer Pleasures*, our annual summer exhibition featuring a changing display of work in a variety of media by established gallery artists. This year the exhibition will also feature two well-known Atlanta artists, abstract sculptor Steven Steinman and colorful, pop-influenced painter and Savannah College of Art Professor Tom Francis. In addition, artists long-established with the gallery will feature alongside new names in genres ranging from realism to abstraction to conceptualism, including artists Casey Matthews, Charlie Bluett, Daniel Byrd, Scott Upton, Paul Tamanan, Stephen Pentak, David Kidd, Lauren Betty, and Chris Hayman, among others.

Former dean of the design school at American Intercontinental University, Steve Steinman finds beauty in recycled scrap metal; his sculptures display the artist's fascination "with the idea of motion and static objects." Steinman's work has been installed throughout the Atlanta area, most notably in the Buckhead MARTA station, which Steinman created for the 1996 Olympics.

Tom Francis's paintings are defined by their vivid color, multilayered patterning, variety of motifs, and lavish application of paint, Francis's paintings are by turns lyrical, provocative, and complex, but always celebratory. Francis often paints subjects from nature. His latest works, the "Night Paintings" were initially inspired by a moonrise over a large koi pond, which the artist observed while visiting China. A number of popular Atlanta or Atlanta-area artists, as well as national and international artists, will participate in the changing exhibition, which will be on display for two months.

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The exhibition opens with a reception for the artists on Friday, June 14, 6-8 pm, and continues through August 16. The gallery is located on Miami Circle in Buckhead, and gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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About Thomas Deans Fine Art

Thomas Deans Fine Art was established in 1983 and is located on Miami Circle, in the heart of Atlanta's art and design district. The gallery specializes in contemporary paintings, contemporary and historical works on paper, and selected contemporary photography. The gallery works regularly with museums, private and corporate collectors, casual buyers, interior designers, and art consultants.

Thomas Deans is the founder (1983) and president of Thomas Deans Fine Art and was co-founder of The Gallery Downstairs, London (1985-1997).

Mr. Deans has written and lectured extensively about the fine and performing arts, with projects for PBS, The Metropolitan Opera Guild, New York City Center for the Performing Arts, Cleveland, San Jose, Richmond, and Sacramento ballets, the Cummer Museum and Gardens, the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg (Florida), the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, the Albany (Georgia) Museum of Art, the Florida Institute for Art Education, and Women's Art Journal, among others.

He has written chapters on British paintings/artists for *The Catalogue of the Collection, St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts* (1994) and *Women Artists*, by Margaret Barlow (1999). He currently serves on the Dean's Advisory Board for the college of fine art, drama, dance, and design at Florida State University.