



the Island Gallery

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The Island Gallery
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Event:

Spring Selections

Art and Music with the Gallery Artists

May 6 - 31, 2011



Opening Reception: First Friday, May 6, 2011, 6-8 pm.

Location: 400 Winslow Way E., #120, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Join the crowd at The Island Gallery celebrating SPRING! Ranger and the Re-Arrangers return with new gypsy jazz selections, performing on the plaza at the gallery entrance.

About the Artists: The Bainbridge-based group evokes the spirit of a Paris café and the raucous energy of a gypsy campsite with their unique twist on gypsy jazz. “At the heart of their sound is Ranger Sciacca's sweet violin playing... his sense of melody and daring improvisations” (World Rhythm Webzine). Their tight rhythm section features a hand drummer, giving the music a bouncy swing and accentuating the joyful interplay between the two soloists. The band’s repertoire includes swing standards, traditional Gypsy melodies, the music of Django & Grappelli, Brazilian choros, and Ranger's unique originals. The group has been invited to open for Djangofest Northwest in September. This festival, held on Whidbey Island, is the biggest gypsy jazz festival in the country, bringing in the best players from the U.S. and Europe. Ranger also reports they will record a third CD this fall.



The Gallery exhibition wall will feature prints from the University of Washington’s Curt Labitske and fine art photography from Bainbridge Island artist Kate deVeaux. Interacting with the colors and moods of spring and summer on Italian plazas, Bainbridge beaches and with Picasso’s or Michelangelo’s models, the gallery will exhibit new wearable art from Britt Rynearson, Roselle Abramowitz, Chrzaszcz, Lynn Mizono, Giselle Shepatin, David, Connie Castellano, Bryan and Maria Chapin-Cao, Begona Rentero, Virginia Paquette and Christine Sundt. Linen and silk jackets, vests and shawls, cotton and silk batik T-shirts, pearls and paper! And view the work of new furniture artist, Michael Hamilton, who is inspired by Japanese gardens.

For more images, information, or to interview the artists, please contact:

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