

FOUNTAIN HOUSE GALLERY

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Fountain House Gallery Presents "Perchance to Dream" Curated by Ronnie Wiener

On view: March 22 – May 18, 2016

Reception: March 22, 6-8 pm

NEW YORK CITY – Fountain House Gallery (formerly Fountain Gallery), located at 702 Ninth Avenue and representing artists living with mental illness, announces the upcoming exhibition *Perchance to Dream: Visions from Fountain House Gallery Artists*. The show will open with a Reception on March 22, 2016, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and will remain on view through May 18, 2016.

Perchance to Dream is curated by artist and art collector Ronnie Wiener, founder of the Full Moon Arts Center in East Moriches, NY. The Center has made it possible for emerging artists, among them a number of Fountain House Gallery artists, to be in residence for short periods of time, affording them the opportunity to work in a large, naturally lighted space.

"The theme of *Perchance to Dream* grew out of my understanding of and willingness to explore my dreams – that part of my unconscious that speaks in 'dream language' – and apply it to my work," said Wiener, whose work is included in this group exhibition. "Once I understood the dream to be a map or series of clues to greater understanding, I began to consider that part of myself essential to my artistic expression. I believe in the commonality of symbolic and mythic storytelling and consider it one of humanity's great privileges to have the capacity to envision our inner lives. It is with this optimistic appreciation of life that the artists of Fountain House Gallery and I discussed their capacity to bring their inner world to the fine art form. Even in the nightmare, artists can liberate themselves and share a communication that is connective and inspiring."

Among the mediums represented in this exhibition are acrylic and watercolor, mixed media, digital collage, fabric, and sculpture.

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About Fountain House Gallery (formerly Fountain Gallery)

Fountain House Gallery is the premier venue in New York City representing artists living and working with mental illness. Founded by Fountain House in 2000 as a not-for-profit exhibition space for its member-artists, the Gallery sells original artworks and collaborates with a wide network of artists, curators and cultural institutions. Embracing artists who are emerging or established, trained or self-taught, Fountain House Gallery cultivates artistic growth and makes a vital contribution to the New York arts community.

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