

# FOUNTAIN HOUSE GALLERY

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## **Fountain House Gallery Presents “At the Table”**

**On view: April 25 – June 12, 2019**

**Reception: May 1, 6-8 pm**

**Curated by Monty Blanchard and Leslie Tcheyan**

**NEW YORK CITY** – Fountain House Gallery, located at 702 Ninth Avenue and representing artists living with mental illness, announces the upcoming group show *At the Table*, which celebrates food and the experience of eating. The exhibition will be on view from April 25 through June 12, 2019, with a Reception to be held on May 1, 2019, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

*At the Table* is curated by Monty Blanchard and Leslie Tcheyan, who said in a joint statement, “Fountain House sets a welcoming table for all. The artists of the Gallery reflect the diverse fantasies and flavors of the wider Fountain House community, and bring their unique tastes and visions to a table that always has room for one more.” Blanchard, who currently serves as President of the Board of Trustees of the American Folk Art Museum, is a former investment banker and an active collector of folk and outsider art, vernacular photography, and ethnographic and indigenous arts from around the world. Tcheyan has worked in the world of jewelry for the past three decades. Most recently, she founded Of Rare Origin with her two daughters. Their debut collection, featuring whimsical Avian designs plus other exclusive inspirations, continues to capture the attention of retailers and editors worldwide. Tcheyan and Blanchard share a passion for learning and for discovering new artists and their creations.

This exhibition examines various elements related to food, from its physical presence and beauty to dining with friends or family – or in solitude. When individuals come together “at the table,” there can be a sense of joy and community, or of stress and alienation. The works spotlighted in the show speak to the diversity of these experiences.

*At the Table* features pieces in mediums including acrylic and watercolor, pen and ink, ceramic, fabric, mixed media, digital photography, and more.

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## **About Fountain House Gallery and Studio**

Fountain House Gallery and Studio provides an environment where artists living with mental illness can express their creative visions and exhibit their work. Founded by Fountain House in 2000, the storefront Gallery in Manhattan sells original artworks and collaborates with a wide network of artists, curators and cultural institutions. The Studio, located in Long Island City, is a collaborative workspace that furthers the professional practice of our artists. Embracing artists who are emerging or established, trained or self-taught, Fountain House Gallery cultivates artistic growth, makes a vital contribution to the New York arts community, and challenges the stigma surrounding mental illness.

**[www.fountainhousegallery.org](http://www.fountainhousegallery.org)**

Fountain House Gallery

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Hours: Tues.-Sat. 11-7; Sun. 1-5

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