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ART EVENT LISTING:

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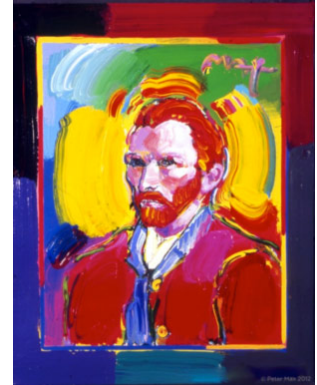
Featured Artist, September Peter Max

Pop art icon Peter Max is returning to Geary Gallery to unveil his new Masters Series, interpretive works of Vincent Van Gogh, Monet, Pablo Picasso, Renoir and Edgar Degas, which are conceived in Max's signature style and colors. The works speak to both a maturation of the artist's



illustrious career, as well as to his formidable training at the 130- year- old Art Students League of New York, where he emerged as a powerful force in the art world alongside such artists as Robert Rauschenberg, Jackson Pollack, Cy Twombly and Norman Rockwell.

With paintings on exhibit in hundreds of museums and galleries worldwide, Max and his vibrant colors have become part of the fabric of contemporary culture. Max has been successively called a pop icon, neo fauvist, abstract expressionist and the United States, "painter laureate." The artist has painted the last seven presidents of the United States and the world's best-loved celebrities, among them singer Taylor Swift.



In addition to his Masters Series, Max's exhibit will also feature his iconic and best-known pieces, including "Statue of Liberty," Max's famous "Flag" pieces, "Umbrella Man" and the 10 cent stamp bearing the title "Preserve the Environment." There will also be presentations of his renowned celebrity portraiture.

Peter Max's "Master Series" interpretation of a Vincent van Gogh self-portrait.

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To view some of Peter Max's work, visit our online gallery:
<http://www.gearygallery.com/peter-max-artwork.htm>

Featured Artist, September Kevin Kerrigan

Kevin Kerrigan is a nationally renowned decoy carver. For the past 36 years, he has worked in the art of hand-carving and painting reproductions of antique waterfowl decoys. He specializes in precise replicas of the much-sought-after works of the last generation of master carvers, such as Elmer Cromwell, Shang Wheeler, Lem Dudley, Ward Brothers and Joe Lincoln. His work focuses on a wide variety of shore and water birds.



A self-taught artist, Kerrigan came under the tutelage of the late Ralph Morrell, distinguished Zoologist Emeritus at the Peabody Museum in new Haven, CT. Morrell, a long-time friend of master decoy carver Shang



Wheeler, inspired Kerrigan's interest in decoy carving and helped develop his unfaltering sense of accuracy and aestheticism. Kerrigan and Morrell subsequently collaborated on many projects that included detail paintings for the Peabody Museum, The Museum of Natural History in New York City, and The Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

An avid sportsman and naturalist, Kerrigan is often invited to speak at wildlife conservation forums throughout New England. His most recent lecture, "Will All the Shorebirds Left in the World Be Made of Wood," was presented to the Ornithology Department of Yale. He has served as director of the Connecticut Wildlife Federation, and was a recipient of the Ducks Unlimited Distinguished Service Award. Kerrigan was Orvis Sport and Field Day's Antique Decoy



Artist of the Year in 2000 and 2001. His carvings have graced the covers of Orvis catalogs with a preening pintail in Fall 2004, and his Canada Goose in 2005. Kerrigan's decoys were on display at the Ferguson Museum, Fishers Island, New York in the 2007 exhibit, "The History of Shorebird Hunting at the Turn of the Century."

Currently, Kerrigan has been commissioned by Orvis—the nation's oldest mail order company—to create limited edition decoys for the 2009 to 2012 Fall and Holiday catalogs. He has been under exclusive assignment with Orvis since Fall 2000 to create period antique duck decoy replicas representing the works of artists from the 19th and 20th centuries. In addition to his collaboration with Orvis, Kerrigan's decoys are sold across the country to select collectors and shops. His works have been featured in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, House and Garden and Country Living.



Kevin Kerrigan will be showcasing many new pieces including "Flag Duck," (first picture above) in addition to "Ward Brothers Golden-Eye," "Miniature—Shorebirds," "Ward Brothers Mallard" and "Great Blue Heron" also pictured, at Geary Gallery for a delightful decoy carving show on Saturday, September 29 from 5pm-8pm. View Kerrigan's decoy carvings in our [online gallery](#).

http://www.gearygallery.com/gallery/?function=list&artist_id=5

Art by Peter Max and Kevin Kerrigan will be available for acquisition. Geary Gallery is open to the public Wednesdays-Saturdays, 9:30am-5:00pm and is located at 576 Boston Post Road in Darien, CT, 06820. For more information, contact (203) 655-6633 or visit www.gearygallery.com.

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About Geary Gallery

Founded in 1984, Geary Gallery is one of Fairfield County's preeminent art galleries, featuring an

extensive collection of original artwork. Offering four elaborate display rooms, Geary Gallery maintains an ambitious exhibition schedule to showcase both Connecticut-based artists with national reputations as well as well-known artists from along the Eastern seaboard. The public can enjoy a new show virtually every five weeks. The Gallery also offers a Custom Original Portrait Service, which matches their favorite artists with customers wishing to commission an original portrait of their family, an individual, pet or home. With an extensive inventory of over 2,000 corner frames, Accent Picture Framing and Restoration is a service that is highly regarded for its master framing techniques as well as precision art restoration services for leading museums, auction houses, and historical societies. For more information about Geary Gallery, call (203) 655-6633 or visit <http://www.gearygallery.com>.