Memorial Art Gallery to present Rochester Americana

The watercolor paintings of local artist Karal Ann Marling

ROCHESTER, NY, August 1, 2019— The Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester is pleased to present the exhibition Rochester Americana: The Watercolors of Karal Ann Marling, on view in the Lockhart Gallery from August 2 – October 27, 2019. Drawing on her illustrious career as a scholar of American art and popular culture, the watercolor paintings of Karal Ann Marling express her unique and colorful perspective on her intimate home spaces, her hometown of Rochester, and in particular her 19th Ward neighborhood.

After taking to watercolor at the MAG’s Creative Workshop, artist and scholar Karal Ann Marling began painting her surroundings, producing sophisticated and impactful works that reflect her distinctive outlook on her community. With this in mind, Rochester Americana will showcase Karal Ann’s attention to detail and pattern through her smaller home subjects looking inward to her interior spaces, her playful observances of her immediate neighborhood and the 19th Ward, and her depictions of the urban landscapes of her hometown of Rochester. The exhibit will also feature artwork that Karal Ann made as a child, demonstrating her lifelong interest in creating art.

About The Memorial Art Gallery

The Memorial Art Gallery showcases visual art from antiquity to the present day, including an outdoor public Centennial Sculpture Park. In addition to its permanent collection, MAG offers a year-round schedule of special exhibitions, lectures, concerts, tours, after-hours social events, and family activities.

Hours: Wednesday–Sunday 11 am to 5 pm, and until 9 pm on Thursdays and select Fridays. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Admission: $15; senior citizens, $12; college students with ID and children 6–18, $6. Always free to members, University of Rochester faculty/staff and students, and children 5 and under. Half-price general admission Thursdays from 5–9 pm is made possible in part by Monroe County. For more information, call 585.276.8900 or visit mag.rochester.edu.

shown: Karal Ann Marling, Untitled (front porch), Untitled (Both Sides of the Street), Anything Can Be A Christmas Decoration!, no date.

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