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Press Release:

August 2009 ~ Local Artists Exhibit Vibrant Sculptures and Paintings, Sixth Street Gallery

Vancouver, WA, August 14, 2009 — Opening September 2, Sixth Street Gallery presents Portland artists Angelina Marino and Joel Heidel. The show runs September 2 - 27, 2009. Opening reception is during the First Friday artwalk on September 4 from 5 – 9:00pm.

“Cirque” explores gymnastic movements flavored with acrobatic elements derived from Marino and Heidel’s study of the Chinese circus. An incredible collaborative effort from conception to completion, the direct metal sculptures of Marino and Heidel are formed from sheet metal to create three-dimensional works, finished with paint and patina. By combining the surprising angles possible from utilizing thin gauged metal and the varied yet subtly colored surfaces, elements of the work appear suspended. The use of this type of sheet metal construction holds other attributes as well. Working under the stars on Sauvie’s Island in 1999, they were struck by the serendipitous effect the full moon had on their sculpture. The physicality of the sculpture, though striking and solidly engaging, had an evocative counterpart; the incredible lucidity of a cast shadow. “Cirque” will be accompanied by Marino and Heidel’s individual works that contributed to this collaborative series.

Katie m. Berggren – a perennial favorite – is the featured gallery artist for September. In her own words she writes: “Led by a passion for life, my children, and music, I paint because I must and it is my desire that another may connect with the images as well. I thank those who have joined me in my effort to grab hold of the intimate moments of motherhood, in an attempt to capture, display and enjoy them for many years to come - and to some day share them with our children while we relate stories of their childhood.”