

## Gallery Hours:

Monday – Thursday 10:00am - 8:00pm

Friday – Saturday 10:00am - 9:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm - 5:00pm

**Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art** 109 N. Center 248-380-0470Featured Exhibit: Rocky Seprino, multi-media artist  
Julian Pavone, "The World's Youngest Drummer"

Opening Reception: September 5, 2008 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm



Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art in Northville welcomes the public to an extraordinary First Friday Art Walk Event premiering an exhibit of never-before-displayed works by multi-media artist, Rocky Seprino. The exciting one-man show will receive extra wattage with two electrifying performances by Julian Pavone, "The World's Youngest Drummer!"®

During the opening reception on Friday, September 5th, the public will have the opportunity to witness an exhilarating display of talent and showmanship as multi-media artist, Rocky Seprino shares the spotlight with Julian Pavone in a remarkable fusion of music, video and live painting. While gallery guests are entertained by this unique performance art, wines provided by the Stonefire Grill in Brighton and an array of cheese and crackers will further enhance the enjoyment of all.

Rocky Seprino is best known in the Detroit production community for his Film and Video work during his career as a Producer-Director. Behind the scenes Rocky has worked to develop a unique brand of pop art that is now ready for center stage. A large collection of Rocky's work will be featured in this one-man show, which will also showcase a series of paintings inspired by the young drummer, with whom Rocky forged a bond while creating the television pilot "Finding Julian's Band" and photos by Daniel Lippitt. The vibrant colors, energetic brush strokes and broad iconic content of Rocky's art are evidence of the artist's love for the pop culture of the baby boomer generation.

Regarding the exhibit, Seprino says, "I wanted to make art more than something you quietly stand and stare at getting my little buddy Julian involved should make it fun for the whole family!"

One painting to be unveiled during the September 5th opening commemorates Julian's recent appearance on the "The Oprah Winfrey Show"; the painting will be gifted to Ms. Winfrey after the conclusion of the exhibit. Seprino also has completed a painting of David Lippitt's photo of Julian that appeared in Signature Magazine.

"This is going to be an amazing event for the gallery; Rocky brings so many artistic elements together to create a total sensory experience for the viewer. And having the young drumming sensation, Julian Pavone perform will truly make this exhibit opening an exceptional treat," says gallery owner, Sherri Mewha.

The young drummer has made headlines around the world appearing on 29 TV shows, including "Good Morning American," "Martha Stewart" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show." With a concert and performance resume that is no doubt the envy of many, much older entertainers, Julian is fast becoming an entertainment titan who has inspired a series of children's books, a clothing line and the formation of Harmonie Network, a national entertainment company. He is currently working on his second CD with four time-Grammy Award winning producer, Michael J. Powell.

Sponsors of the gallery event also include Stonefire Bistro, of Brighton, Harmonie Network of Novi, MI and Steve Badalament, president of Innovation Drums, who will display a drum he built for Beatles star drummer, Ringo Starr.

For more information about Julian Pavone, please visit [www.julianpavone.com](http://www.julianpavone.com).

**Gallery Hours:**

Monday - By Appointment Only  
 Tuesday - Friday 10:00am - 7:00pm  
 Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm  
 Sunday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

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**Starring "The Gallery"** 118 W. Main 248-347-1642  
 Featured Exhibit: Mary Byers, clay artist  
 Karen Judnich, acrylic artist

Opening Reception: September 5, 2008 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Starring "The Gallery" presents two artists for the September 5th Art Walk. Mary Byers, a clay artist, as well as Karen Judnich, a painter.

For many years artist Mary Byers has been exploring and embracing the versatility of clay. She loves this medium because of the unlimited opportunity for creative expression. Most of her work is based on slab construction and from there artistic energy takes over to achieve a continuing evolution of work. She has garnered some acclaim for her rustic animal portraits. These slabs may be freestanding or mounted on prepared wooden backings. Animals of choice are horses and African wildlife. The animal portraits are usually monochromatic or dichromatic, but don't let that fool you. The horses have a whimsical, almost ethereal quality, while the African wildlife is known for their almost human expressions. Even though they are bas-relief they convey remarkable depth. She also enjoys integrating form and color to create striking abstract works. Sometime during this process the pieces seem to evolve naturally and almost independently, as the spirit and essence of the clay comes to life in her hands. She considers it a great gift and blessing to be able to pursue this work and hopes those who view her pieces will find them compelling.



Karen has a degree in graphic & commercial art. Over the years she has

