

# PHILADELPHIA ART ALLIANCE

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## **Through the Heart of the City:** *an Exhibition with the Schuylkill River as the Source of Inspiration*

**The Philadelphia Art Alliance's Epic Show of the Season with 49 Artists**

**May 16 - July 5 1998**

**Gallery Hours: Tues.- Sun. 11-5, Wed. 11-8**

**Reception: Thursday May 21**

**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

Philadelphia, PA: The Philadelphia Art Alliance presents: "**Through The Heart Of The City**", an ambitious group exhibition, initiated and curated by Henry Dean with the Schuylkill River as the source of inspiration. The exhibition runs from May 16th to July 5th.

49 artists of diverse sensibilities and visions were co-curated by Henry Dean, Stuart Fineman, Alan Greenberg and Ann Hitchins. The artwork is in representational and non-representational styles and in a variety of media. Many artists are creating work specifically for this exhibition. Within the exhibit are to be show-cased drawings and maquettes of proposed artwork from the Public Arts Project for the future Schuylkill River Park.

This exhibition is being sponsored by major grants from the Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation, Drumcliff Foundation, PNC Bank, Philadelphia Newspapers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rueda and Trans Freight Systems.

### **LIST OF ARTISTS:**

**SCULPTORS:** Warren Angle, Knox Cummin, Alan Greenberg, Ann Hitchins, Rebecca Hoenig, Jeanne Jaffe, Peter Kinney, Ron Klein, Nick Kripal, Stacy Levy and Winifred Lutz, Elizabeth McCue, Vesna Todorovic Miksic, Buy Shaver, Mierle Laderman Ukeles.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** John Carlano, Gary Joseph Cohen, Julie Marquart, Sabina Pierce, Tim Rice, Stuart Rome, Sandy Sorlien, Ron Tarver, Blaise Tobia.

**VIDEO:** Karen Lefkovitz, Termite TV Collective, C.L Williams.

**PAINTERS:** Dennis Aufiery, Frito Bastien, Patrick Connors, David Brewster, Diane Burko, Mark Campbell, Giovanni Casadei, Jeff Dion, Stuart Fineman, Alex Kanevsky, Kocot and Hatton, Adele Kubel, Bonnie Levinthal, Scott Noel, Mimi Oritsky, John Page, Diane Pieri, Lynn Principe, Stuart Shils, Joseph Sweeney, Chris Zmijewski.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION:** The Schuylkill River which flows through the ancient home of the Lenape Indians and now *through the heart of the city* of Philadelphia, has inspired visual artists, poets, musicians, naturalists, and its residents for centuries. In addition to the sculptures, paintings and photographs celebrating this unique relationship, some venerable institutions in Philadelphia, such as The Academy of Natural Sciences and The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, are participating in this historic show.

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## Through the Heart of the City *Programs*

**PANEL DISCUSSION: *Confluence*** , co-hosted by The Academy of Natural Sciences, will occur May 28th from 6 - 7:30 PM, in the Philadelphia Art Alliance galleries.

Artists and Scientists will form a panel to debate current landscape issues, including the clean-up of urban waterways and the development of community stewardship of neighborhood environments.

John Randolph, Executive Director of the Schuylkill River Development Council will be introducing the panel which consists of Phelan Fretz, Director of Educational Programs and Vice President of the Academy of Natural Sciences, David Hart, Director of the Patrick Center for Environmental Research; artists: Ann Hitchins and Stuart Shils; and Anuradha Mathur, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. Curator, Henry Dean will moderate.

### **LEAH STEIN DANCE PERFORMANCE:**

Noted Dancer-Choreographer Leah Stein , will be performing an original work in conjunction with the exhibit on Thursday, June 4, at 7:00pm at the Philadelphia Art Alliance, sponsored by the Schuylkill River Development Council. Other performance programs are being planned at this time.

### **PHOTO CONTEST FOR KIDS:**

Children ages 8-11 are invited to participate in a **RIVER** photo-contest sponsored by the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News, with prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200. The deadline for entries is June 1. Winners will have their photos exhibited at the Art Alliance beginning June 24th. Children must include their name, address, age and phone number on the back of the photograph and include a statement of two sentences on what inspired the photograph.

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**Artist Members' Gallery** - 3rd floor Art Alliance Building

**Ann Northrup and Louise Clearfield**

(for dates see Through the Heart of the City)

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**Satellite Gallery** - 3rd floor Rittenhouse Hotel 210 W. Rittenhouse Sq.

**John Newell: Photographs**

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