

# BEACON GALLERY

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## **Newton Background for Boston's Beacon Gallery**

Boston, MA – October 23, 2017 – Beacon Gallery is one of the newest art galleries in Boston's South End and it is about to open its first show entitled "First Look – 2018 Artists." The show will run from November 1st through December 15th, 2017. The show focuses on paintings and mixed media pieces from six different artists who will be featured in future Beacon Gallery shows in 2018.

While Beacon Gallery strives to offer the best of both local and global art and artists, owner and gallery manager Christine O'Donnell purposefully researched local talent for the first show. "While I spent twelve years living abroad and gained my experience in the art world overseas, I would like to bring forward local artists at my gallery here while also eventually introducing some international artists to the Boston arts scene." The artists included in Beacon Gallery's first exhibition are all Massachusetts residents aside from Rebecca Vincenzi, a Briton currently living in Paris. The other artists, Betty Canick, Lori Mehta, Adrienne Shishko and Aja Johnson all live in Boston or its suburbs.

Betty Canick, Myra Abelson, Lori Mehta, Adrienne Shishko and Aja Johnson all have ties to the Newton Area. Betty Canick and Aja Johnson are both originally from Newton and Johnson is a graduate of Newton North High School. Myra Abelson is a long time resident of Newton and is on the board of the Newton Art Association. Lori Mehta and Adrienne Shishko are both members of the Newton Art Association.

Gallery manager and owner, Christine O'Donnell is also a Newton native and a current resident. She founded Beacon Gallery after a twelve-year stint living in Europe and Asia where her love of art inspired her gallery here in the Bay State. "Art is truly a passion for me. It was nurtured in the Newton Public Schools, which I attended kindergarten through twelfth grade, and only grew as I traveled the world. I hope to inspire that passion in others as well."

First Look – 2018 Artists offers a chance to see Newton artists in Boston's Harrison Avenue gallery scene. And is an opportunity to help support these Boston, Newton, Brookline and Wellesley natives.

"First Look - 2018 Artists" will run through December 15th. Opening hours are Wednesday through Friday 10-5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 12-5, and by appointment. The artists will be present at the opening as well as select other dates. For additional information or photographs please contact Rachel Legault at marketing@beaongallery.com or refer to our website, [www.beaongallery.com](http://www.beaongallery.com).



*Glimpses* (2015)  
Adrienne Shishko  
Mixed Media 20 x 20



*Unplugged* (2017)  
Lori Mehta  
Oil on Board 11 x 14



*Diamonds & Pearls* (2017)

Aja Johnson

Mixed Media 22 x 30



*Tossed* (2016)

Betty Canick

Mixed Media 23 x 30



*Pot Party* (2017)  
Myra Abelson  
Oil on Canvas, 30 x 30