

# New Harmony Gallery hosts new exhibition Mercatus

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The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is hosting the exhibition, *Mercatus*, Saturday, June 3 through Tuesday, July 21. An opening reception for *Mercatus* will be held at the gallery from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3 during the Arts in Harmony festival. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

*Mercatus* is a Latin word meaning market. The exhibition will host eight artists from the Midwest who will not only exhibit in the gallery, but will also be vendors for the Arts in Harmony festival on June 3 and 4.

“The exhibition is meant to serve two purposes,” said Garry Holstein, director of the gallery. “First, it is meant to provide support and exposure to artists developing their small business. Second, the gallery invited artists who have never participated in the Arts in Harmony festival to bring greater diversity to the vendor offerings and build connections with the surrounding artist communities.”

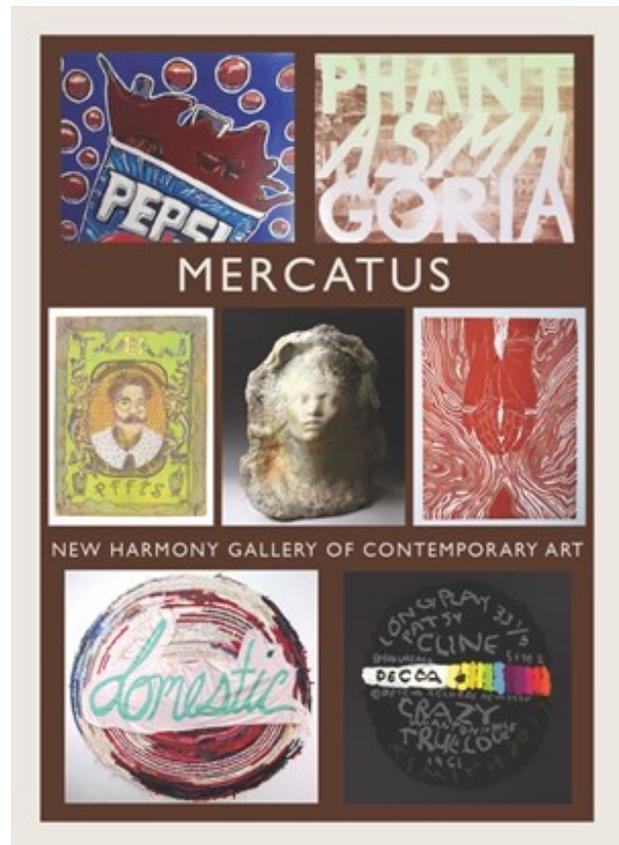
The artists participating in the exhibition are Chimel Ford, Susanna Crum, Rodolfo Salgado, Megan Kelley, Blake and Hannah March Sanders, Ruth Reese and Kerry Smith.

Chimel Ford, Susanna Crum and Rodolfo Salgado are from the Louisville, Kentucky area. Ford is a painter whose work focuses on popular culture products and icons. Crum and Salgado are the owners of the Calliope Arts Studio and Gallery, which provides learning opportunities and artist sales space for the Louisville community.

Megan Kelley, from Nashville, Tennessee, is a maker, do-er, thinker, writer and curator. Kelley operates under the name “StudioOmnivorous”.

Blake and Hannah March Sanders, from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, are owners of Orange Barrel Industries, which is a collaborative multi-media art production and event organization.

Ruth Reese and Kerry Smith are from the St. Louis, Missouri area. Ruth Reese is a ceramic artist and owner of the Reese Gallery in St. Louis. Kerry Smith specializes in paintings of record albums and is owner of the graphic design company, Blackdog Creative.



The activity is made possible in part through support from the Efroymsen Family Fund, the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is a program within USI's Outreach and Engagement and is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony, Indiana. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, contact Garry Holstein, at 812-682-3156 or visit [USI.edu/nhgallery](http://USI.edu/nhgallery).