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“An Eye for Art”
Reception featuring local artists
Diane Flyr & Lorenzo Mills

At The Eye Works Optometry

Napa, CA; The Eye Works Optometry presents: “An Eye for Art”, a reception featuring two local artists, Diane Flyr and Lorenzo Mills, on Thursday, March 18 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Fine art, fine wine and also fine eyewear featuring Tommy Bahamas and Sigrid Olson sunglasses and frames. Don't miss the drawing for a free pair of Tommy Bahamas sunglasses and a \$150 gift certificate from The Eye Works Optometry.

Both artists reside in Napa Valley. Diane Flyr has been creating porcelain artwork since the 1970's. She studied with well-known artists Robert Anson, Manuel Nero and Clayton Bailey at the University of California at Davis where she received her BA in Art. Diane's pieces utilize porcelain's transformative quality - it can evoke glass, skin, cloth or water. In this series, the plate becomes a self-portrait with eyes, mouths, hands and organic forms creating gestures and faces. Her work has been shown at the Fenwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institute and the American Crafts Museum in New York, as well as galleries in San Francisco, New York, Washington, DC and Los Angeles. Diane has lived in Napa Valley since 1997, and is a Master Gardener, edible landscape designer and Realtor as well as an artist.

Lorenzo Mill's pieces are relatively large figurative sculptures that reference aspects of current culture. The intention is for visual metaphor to social truth. The time consuming process of solidifying a form helps Lorenzo come to terms with some of the troubling media images that flash across our retinas at a frightening and indigestible refresh rate. In material Lorenzo uses conventional ceramics with glaze, bronze plated bisque, or bisque with metal coat and chemical patina. Lorenzo has been a sculptor for a short time in a long art. He has been continuously enrolled in the Napa Valley College ceramics program since 2000 and has done workshops with the Russian sculptor Valentine Okorokoff in Boulder, Colorado, with the Italian sculptor Antonio Giancatgerino in Venice Italy, and at the Crucible in Berkeley, California.

"Again, each of these artists resides in Napa Valley and represents why this community is so special", states Sandra Call Sultan, of The Eye Works. "Both are unique and talented artists, and they both contribute to the community in a variety of ways. We are proud to highlight their art and share this evening with them," continued Sultan. Their art will be available for purchase and to RSVP for "An Eye For Art" reception call 254-2020 by March 15.

The Eye Works Optometry is located on the corner of First and Main Streets (1006 First Street) in the new and developing Downtown Napa.. The Eye Works is in the business of keeping your eyes seeing and being their best through advanced technology eye exams with the expertise of Optometrist **Dr. Craig Sultan**. The Eye Works offers comprehensive eye exams and eye health care in a boutique setting with hundreds of frames and sunglasses and unique accessories including artistic and creative jewelry. Most insurance accepted.

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