



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 1997

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WHEREAS: The opening exhibit features sculptures by Alex Belozersky, paintings by Paul Kerepka and a variety of work by many local artists; and

WHEREAS: The space displays the work of both emerging and established New England artists, prices are affordable; and artists are paid 70 percent of the sale; and

WHEREAS: **Out of the Blue** is the joint inspiration and project of a group of Cambridge and Brighton artists, Kinga Anoniu, Susan Carlin, David Machioni, Luccia Rubini, Trent Stewart, Jeff Till and Tom Tipton; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its congratulations and best wishes to **Out of the Blue Gallery** on the occasion of its Grand Opening Celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to **Out of the Blue Gallery** on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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at 168 Brookline St

Gallery comes 'Out of the Blue'

Artists combine to open place of variety and affordability

By Courtney Claire Brigham
TAB Staff Writer

Cambridgeport residents have a spirited new neighbor. Once the home of RPM Tool, a junk store and a tailor, 168 Brookline St. has recently been transformed into a gallery space with a montage of 40 artists' paintings, sculptures, photographs, prints and jewelry. Sandwiched between two-family houses and local businesses on the outskirts of Central Square the gallery — freshly painted a mix of electric purple, blue, green and pink — is not difficult to locate on a trek through the neighborhood.

The space displays the work of both emerging and established New England artists. The walls are tightly packed with colorful pieces from floor to ceiling, similar to the way art was exhibited in studios and palace galleries in the 17th century. Nudes and mythological works hang beside still lifes of purple-violet and blue exotic flowers; a giant Saudi Arabian incense burner sits on a table next to a turquoise and purple painted chair. Prices are affordable, ranging from \$50 to \$300, and artists are paid 70 percent of the sale.

Sound like an artists' utopia and a patron's haven? Welcome to Out of the Blue, a new art gallery run by artists for artists. A group of Cambridge and Brighton artists — Kinga Anoniu, Susan Carlin, David Marchioni, Luccia Rubini, Trent Stewart, Jeff Till and Tom Tipton — all friends in their late-20s to mid-40s, pooled their savings together to start a gallery.

"We've talked about something like this for a long time," said Carlin, a 30-year-old painter who also works at a local frame shop. Although running a gallery is a first for them, the group also hangs artwork at local businesses such as Brookline Lunch and TT The Bear's Place, and had hosted art shows by renting spaces on Kingston Street.

At a time when some Cambridge artists have said the city has



STAFF PHOTO BY WINSLAW MARTIN

(From left) Susan Carlin, Trent Stewart and Tom Tipton of Out of the Blue gallery on Brookline Street in Cambridgeport. The gallery is hosting a grand opening party on April 13 and will feature the sculptures of Rex Belozersky and the paintings of Paul Kerepka.

become less art-friendly — with few affordable studio spaces in the city and even fewer public opportunities to display their work — the optimistic founders of Out of the Blue say they hope their gallery will help to fill that gap.

"It's the motivated artist that gets down here and makes money," said Stewart, 28, whose main medium is air brush work.

Carlin said displaying in other venues in Boston and Cambridge with hefty commission fees, as well as working with managers who are businessmen — and not artists — had been frustrating. "It's hard working for other people — we wanted to work for ourselves."

While coffee shops have become a haven for up-and-coming artists to show and sell their work, Stewart said that shop owners are often not familiar with how to care for the unprotected pieces.

"What if something spills on the canvas?" questioned Stewart.

At Out of the Blue, the work is rotated monthly, with a variety of works by many artists, as well as a few featured ones. It's not a cooperative, says Tipton, but it's user-friendly policies and philosophy sounds much like one.

"We have very little of our own work here," said Tipton, 47, a photographer and musician who recently his day job to manage the gallery

full-time. "If you have all of your own work — it's really an ego stroke."

Unlike trendy galleries on Newbury Street in Boston, Out of the Blue does not charge artists "rent" for wall space. According to Stewart, galleries there often charge \$1,500 per month for a chunk of wall space, and take at least 50 percent of the sale for commission.

"This way, it keeps the price down and it keeps things reasonable," Carlin said, noting the affordable paintings around the gallery, as well

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Business Extra

Biga Breads Cafe opens

Biga Breads owner Tracey Janney and Laurie Brooks recently celebrated the opening of a second Biga Breads Cafe at 47 Langley Road in Newton Center. The newest Biga serves a full cafe menu, including specialty sandwiches and homemade soups, as well as a complete selection of Biga Breads. In 1995 the first Biga Breads Cafe was opened in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Biga owners are currently negotiating space for a third cafe and have plans for two additional cafes within the next three years.

Biga Breads is a wholesale bread company specializing in European-style bread made from fermented organic grape starters. Biga Breads does not use any commercial yeast. Each loaf of Biga bread is hand-shaped and baked in a stone hearth oven imported from Europe. After only six months of operation, Biga Breads was awarded Boston Magazine's 1994 Best of Boston New Bakery award. In 1996, Biga Breads again won a Best of Boston award for Best Breadsticks.

The Wellesley Center unveils \$2.5 million renovation

Boasting an architecturally unique three-story rotunda entrance, spacious new locker rooms and greatly expanded fitness and aerobics areas, The Wellesley Center for Recreation and Fitness has unveiled phase one of a two-phase renovation designed to make it the premier fitness facility in Massachusetts.

Health Development Corporation, the parent company of the Wellesley Center, purchased the business from Babson College in 1995. The renovation commenced in July 1996. Phase two begins in March, and includes an expanded child-care area and a new day spa offering complete skin and nail services. It should be completed in late April.

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Councillors Galluccio and Davis
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