

ArtRat Gallery reveals 2022 ArtPrize lineup

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"The Shape of Memory," by Keren Kroul. Courtesy ArtRat

A local gallery will host four artists for its inaugural event as a registered ArtPrize venue.

ArtRat Gallery, at 46 S. Division Ave. in downtown Grand Rapids, will host artists Dean Hunt, Keren Kroul, Gray Reynolds and the gallery's founder Nancy Tobin for ArtPrize.

"Since we opened in September 2021, we've been looking forward to our chance to participate in ArtPrize," Tobin said. "We're excited about the work Dean, Keren and Gray will bring to the gallery, and we're looking forward to sharing it with this year's ArtPrize visitors."

Hunt is a graduate of Kendall College of Art and Design and the creator of WisckAR, a software platform that lets users create their own augmented reality experiences, including the work he'll display during ArtPrize.

"My piece is a mix of 2D art and augmented reality: a 7.5-by-7.5-foot grid of hand-painted panels that evoke the styles of influential artists throughout history," Hunt said. "I will swap and switch these panels around throughout ArtPrize. The piece employs the augmented-reality app WisckAR to show visitors a different video message each time they scan a panel with their smartphones."

Added Kroul, a visual artist from Minneapolis, "My ArtPrize 2022 entry is 'The Shape of Memory.' This piece was made in 2022, is watercolor on paper, and measures 96-by-120 inches. It is composed of 15 sheets of Arches paper arranged in a rectangular grid."

ArtPrize 2022 will run Sept. 5-Oct. 2.

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