

Manville Gallery's January Exhibit

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Artist Maria Downey will be the exhibitor during January in the University of Nevada School of Medicine's Manville gallery.

"My work is figurative oil painting," says the artist, "which has been influenced by German expressionists. The themes are largely social commentary, sometimes in genre of the 20s and 30s." She adds that the particular group she is showing includes various views of modern reality, and is a compilation of many different subjects.

Downey, who lives and works in Los Angeles, CA, received her BA degree in studio art at the Sorbonne in Paris; and her MA in studio art and printmaking at Rosary College at Villa Schifanoia, Florence, Italy. She has been an art specialist at the Horace Mann School in Beverly Hills; taught art at several schools in the Los Angeles area, and served as director of exhibitions for the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art in Santa Ana, CA.

For the past six years, she has exhibited extensively throughout California as well as in Texas, Massachusetts, New York and Italy.

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Exhibits include: a group show at Galleria Villa Schifanoia, Florence, Italy; Laguna Museum of Art, Laguna Beach; Figtree Gallery, Hollywood; Space Gallery, Los Angeles; Gallery 318, Los Angeles; Saddleback College Art Gallery, Mission Viejo; Evergreen Gallery, Marin County; Waco Artworks, Waco, Texas; Provincetown Art Museum, Provincetown, MA; Newport Harbor Art Museum, Newport Beach; Riverside Art Museum, Riverside; and AAO Gallery, Buffalo, NY.

The opening reception for the Downey exhibit is Monday, Jan. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Manville Gallery. The exhibit will run through the end of January and gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The gallery is partially supported by a grant from the Nevada State Council on the Arts.