

PRESS RELEASE

The Loading Dock Gallery
122 Western Avenue
Lowell, MA

Show: "Layers and Light: Where Sky Meets Sea"
Show dates: April 1 – April 26, 2015
Opening Reception: Saturday, April 4th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

The Loading Dock Gallery member artists Bethany Peck and Aron Leaman collaborated for a joint exhibition "**Layers and Light: Where Sky Meets Sea**" on display for the month of April. The exhibit features oil paintings by Peck and blown and sculpted glass by Leaman.

Recently Peck innovated a new painting process which brings shiny textures to a medium that has always been her passion. Her creativity was engrained long before her formal artistic training began. Today she states that "art is like breathing, it is just part of what I am and do."

Leaman has a constant drive to produce and experiment with glass and states "blown and sculpted glass is what I have dedicated my life to." He began blowing glass in his teen years, studied glass in college, and has studied with masters across the country. Now he calls Lowell home and recently opened his own glass studio within Western Avenue Studios.

Their collaboration began with a common theme of layering. Glass blowing is a layering process, and Leaman uses colors in layers. Peck works in layers of oil paint and varnish to create luminance in her subject matter.

Their focus on sky and sea brings their individual mediums together in a harmonious effect. Both cite getting inspiration from looking at elements of nature. Leaman's imagination is triggered when he sees clouds morph before his eyes, and he states that glass is "an amazing material where you are literally capturing light and using it as an element of your work." Peck says that "being at the ocean pulls emotions out of me like the moon pulling the tides, with wave after wave lifting my spirit and renewing my soul." She sought to create the same emotional experience for viewers of her landscapes, and Leaman's work references both sky and sea from color schemes to the shapes that appear.

The innovative contemporary works of Peck and Leaman should not be missed. **Layers and Light: Where Sky Meet Sea** will captivate you with lustrous effects. Gaze upon the works and be drawn into the warmth and light that shines.

Layers and Light: Where Sky Meet Sea will run through the month of April at the Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, Lowell MA, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 4th, from 5 to 7 pm. The Loading Dock Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, 12 noon to 5:30 pm and Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm.