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MR. RAIN'S FUN HOUSE "MEET THE ARTIST" SERIES INTRODUCES DANA ELLYN'S LATEST COLLECTION

On January 12, Mr. Rain's will debut an installation by celebrated local DC Artist Dana Ellyn as part of its bi-monthly "Meet the Artist" series

(Baltimore, MD; TKTK) – On January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. [Mr. Rain's Fun House](http://www.mrrainsfunhouse.com) will continue its rotating "Meet the Artist" series with a new exhibition featuring local DC Painter [Dana Ellyn](#). Ellyn will host a free lecture at the restaurant to discuss her works and the philosophy behind her unique style, which includes a focus on visual storytelling and social critiques. Visitors will have the opportunity engage in a dialogue with Ellyn about the exhibit, which will run at the restaurant through February 2012. Mr. Rain's will also be extending its "Starving Artist Happy Hour" on the installation's opening night. Guests can relax with a beer (\$3), glass of wine (\$5), or one of Mixologist Perez Klebahn's renowned "Elixir" cocktails (\$7) while enjoying the discourse and artwork.

Changing bi-monthly, Mr. Rain's "Meet the Artist" series celebrates and supports the art community in Baltimore and the surrounding region by providing an outlet for local artists to showcase their works. The "Meet the Artist" exhibits represent the interplay between food, cocktails, and visual aesthetics and are a continuation of the art found on Chef Buszinski's plates, in Mixologist Perez Klebahn's cocktails, and on the walls decorated by Art Director Maria Buszinski.

"Our 'Meet the Artist' series is a natural extension of what we strive to do every day at Mr. Rain's, and what they do at the American Visionary Art Museum," says Maria Buszinski. "We think it's important to support local artists and provide a venue for their works."

Mr. Rain's Fun House will welcome Dana Ellyn as the first artist in the 2012 "Meet the Artist" series. Ellyn has been painting professionally for nearly a decade since leaving a corporate position in 2002. Her work is exemplified by a risk-taking vision, strong content, and colorful critiques of social norms, straddling the line between social realism and expressionism. Ellyn works with a variety of materials such as watercolor, ink, newspaper, acrylic, and canvas and strives to infuse more emotion and meaning into each new painting she creates.

Dana Ellyn's art lecture at Mr. Rain's Fun House will take place on January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and no reservations are required. Ellyn's works will be on display at the restaurant through February 2012. Mr. Rain's "Starving Artist Happy Hour" is offered every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner reservations at Mr. Rain's can be made by visiting www.mrrainsfunhouse.com or calling 443.524.7379.

Paintings by Dana Ellyn



Food

Whimsy Fish

About Mr. Rain's Fun House

Mr. Rain's Fun House is vibrant dining destination located at the top of the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, MD. At Mr. Rain's Chef Bill Buszinski serves whimsical, globally accented American cuisine and Mixologist Perez Klebahn has created a bar program of handcrafted cocktails, artisanal wines, and small batch beers. The space reflects a distinct aesthetic inspired by the museum in which it resides and includes rotating displays of works from local artists selected by Art Director Maria Buszinski. At Mr. Rain's, guests are encouraged to "eat, drink, and see," and most importantly—have fun!

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