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Artist overcomes delays, opens gallery in Dania Beach

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Opening a gallery in the low summer season is a risky move, but a necessary one for Timothy Leistner.

"I wanted a permanent place to show my work for collectors and also to show other artists," says the award-winning painter. "I had planned a spring opening, but there were problems with getting the space. This is the first gallery I ever opened. I'm going to learn through the process of trial and error before taking in new artists in the fall."

Artist's Eye Fine Art Gallery is at 38 Federal Highway, in the shops of Canterbury Square in Dania Beach. Leistner plans to use it as a working studio as well. Open since June 30, the gallery will showcase the diverse subject

matter of this watercolor and acrylic painter. Nature is a favorite theme, but he also does realistic still lifes and geometric abstracts.

Leistner also plans to offer art consulting, framing, installation services, commissions for corporate and private clients and adult art exploration classes. In addition, the veteran art teacher will host children and family art educational events and art education in community outreach programs.

For the past five years, Leistner has taught what he calls "very small and personalized watercolor classes" at the Beach Community Center in Galt Ocean Mile. At Florida Atlantic University, he teaches children's literature.

"I love to work and share my experience with adults

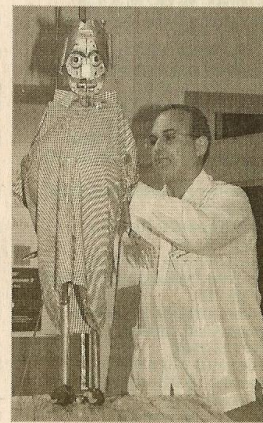
and children," he says. "They light up when they find the joys of painting. There's also a feeling of satisfaction when a student comes up with something productive and wonderful from a white sheet of paper."

Established and emerging artists are invited to join his gallery in a few months. E-mail Leistner at artistseyeinc@yahoo.com, visit his Web page at geocities.com/artists_eyecnc or call 954-554-3153.

Strings attached: The Coral Springs Museum of Art is extending its twin summer exhibitions until Aug. 18. "Pablo Cano: Marionettes as Sculpture" features the hand-made, recycled and found object art that Cano turns into working marionettes used in performances at the Museum of Contemporary Art in North Mi-

ami. At 4 p.m. Aug. 18, Cano's creatures will perform a series of short songs and dances with recorded music (\$4). Also on view is "Art of Asia: Focus on Japan," on loan from the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach.

In other news from the museum, the fifth annual Kilwin's of Coral Springs Sundae on Saturday has returned, held every summer Saturday at 3 p.m. It is an art-making event for children ages 3 and up. Murals, mosaics and collages are the result of youngster creativity. And real sundaes are the edible treat supplied by Kilwin's. Cost is \$3. Call 954-340-5000.



PUPPET THEATER: "Pablo Cano: Marionettes as Sculpture" is on display through Aug. 18. Coral Springs Museum of Art photo

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