

SHORT NORTH GALLERY HOP

Hats off to heady ideas

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On the first Saturday of the month for more than 20 years, thousands of people have descended on High Street in the Short North for the Gallery Hop.

The evening toasts art with new exhibits as well as shopping, eating and more.

The official hours are 4 to 10 p.m., but many shops open earlier and many bars and restaurants close much later.

Big noggins

Painter Craig Carlisle has returned from California to Columbus and is exhibiting at Sharon Weiss Gallery.

Carlisle, who has had exhibitions on the West and East coasts, has had annual shows at the Sharon Weiss Gallery, 20 E. Lincoln St. "New Big Head Paintings" will be the 13th and his first "Big Head" show since the series debut in 1994.

The Big Heads -- offbeat, slightly whimsical heads that seem to be reading the viewers mind -- were a boost to Carlisle's early career.

The new iterations are painted on canvas, paper and cigar boxes.

A reception will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, but Carlisle will also visit the gallery Saturday evening for the hop.



Raven by Annie Owens, at Rivet