

Littleton Independent

‘Chasing the light fantastic’

Jennifer Riefenberg, Mark Akins featured at Town Hall

Jennifer Riefenberg’s wintery landscape will be included in “Chasing the Light Fantastic.”

The exhibit, opening Feb. 20, features a collection of plein air paintings by Mark Akins and Riefenberg at Town Hall’s Stanton Gallery. Courtesy photo



Mark Akins’ landscape will be exhibited in “Chasing the Light Fantastic,” a collection of Plein Air paintings by Akins and Jennifer Riefenberg at Stanton Gallery in Town Hall Arts Center. Courtesy photo

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To paraphrase, painters Mark Akins and Jennifer Riefenberg have "chased the light fantastic" with a series of paintings executed in outdoor settings, where indeed light is an all-important factor to their work.

Their exhibit, "Chasing the Light Fantastic" ties in with Town Hall's new production, "Swing," opening Feb. 21, a show which is especially about dance, with a live band.

The exhibit opens on Feb. 20, with a meet-the-artists' reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Stanton Gallery, 2450 W. Main St. in Littleton.

Riefenberg, of Littleton, is a multi-talented fourth generation Coloradan, who especially likes to paint outside in oil. She is a board member of Plein Air Artists of Colorado (PAAC) and has studied under Kevin Weckbach, Doug Dawson and others. Her website address is www.artofsunshine.com.

Also a professional photographer and a needlework artist, Reifenberg integrates her love of the arts into new mediums. A board member of the Roxborough Arts Council, she is an active member of the Littleton Fine Arts Guild, which operates the Depot Art Gallery, where her works have been exhibited.

Akins, a third generation Coloradan, is a member of the PAAC, Oil Painters of America and the American Impressionist Society.

He studied art at CU Boulder, switched to education at Arizona State University and taught for 16 years in Colorado, where he earned a Masters in Education at CU.

He has participated in plein air events throughout the west, studied with Dawson, Josh Been and Don Sahli, and is represented by the Majestic Gallery in Idaho Springs.

If you go:

"Chasing the Light Fantastic" will hang in Town Hall's Stanton Gallery, 2450 W. Main Street, Downtown Littleton, through April 9. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and during performances. Admission is free. Information: 303-794-2787 or www.townhallartscenter.com.