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## **Fresh A.I.R. Gallery**

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### **Mending Broken Pieces**

Columbus, Ohio (43215) – Fresh A.I.R. Gallery presents *Mending Broken Pieces*, a dual exhibition by artists Em Gan and Cassandra Peters. Both artists explore personal fracturing and disconnection in their work, as well as the idea that creativity can make one whole again.

Please join us for an opening reception on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Mending Broken Pieces* will be on view at Fresh A.I.R. Gallery from May 24, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Em Gan is a painter who resides in Williamsburg, Virginia. Originally from Chengdu, China, she started painting in earnest upon her transition to life in the U.S., a period she found to be traumatizing and incredibly isolating. Through artwork, Em examines these feelings of disconnection in creative, sometimes playful ways, which has helped facilitate her recovery.

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Cassandra Peters is a Delaware County (43074), Ohio painter. An artist for most of her life, Cassandra continued to paint after her diagnosis with Bipolar Disorder. Employing a style that resembles that of the early 20th century Cubists, her paintings often consist of broken pieces, sharp edges, and words that combine to form a pictorial whole.

Cassandra writes: "I find it incredible how something so broken and ugly can become so beautiful."

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery (Artists in Recovery) is a project of Southeast Healthcare Services. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery's mission is to exhibit the work by individuals affected by mental illness and/or substance use disorder. Through art, we educate the community and work to break down the stigma by bringing focus to the artist vision. Southeast is a comprehensive provider of mental health, chemical dependency, physical healthcare and homeless services that has been serving Columbus since 1978 and is in eight Ohio counties. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is located downtown at 131 N. High Street in Columbus, Ohio. Our hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery's hotline is 614-744-8110. [www.southeastinc.com](http://www.southeastinc.com).

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