

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Full Circles: The Art of Mary Ahern and Virginia Mallon**

The art exhibition Full Circles celebrates the careers of two Queens College Alumni from April 7 through May 5, 2025, at the Queens College Art Center Gallery in the Benjamin S. Rosenthal Campus Library.

Queens College alumnae Mary Ahern (class of 1980) and Virginia Mallon (class of 1985) have crossed paths many times since graduating in the 80s. Though distinct in style, these accomplished artists have shared similar journeys, challenges, and successes throughout their careers. Both have experienced long-standing memberships in the National Association of Women Artists (NAWA) and at Ceres Gallery, one of the oldest feminist galleries in New York City. On view will be work representing the arc of expression and symbols explored during their years at Queens College and still uniquely threads through their current artwork decades later.

Ahern's art is deeply rooted in symbolism, dynamically reflecting the interconnectedness within the microcosm of her garden and the macrocosm of the cosmos. Her vibrant floral works invite viewers to contemplate universal questions of existence, exploring themes of survival, growth, and renewal through meticulous attention to the natural world. Issues of isolation and exclusion featured in her work then return in this new period of political upheaval.

Mallon approaches her art through a different lens. "My work contemplates religious, historic, and mythological women and the psychological undercurrents of contemporary society." Mallon explains. With influences from social realism, political, and feminist art her powerful pieces offer commentary on modern societal challenges from a distinctly female perspective, exploring complex themes of identity, power, and resilience.

Both artists have successfully balanced their artistic pursuits with parallel careers outside the art world, bringing unique perspectives to their creative practice.

Exhibition Details:

April 7 to May 5, 2025

at QUEENS COLLEGE ART CENTER

65-30 Kissena Blvd, 6th Floor, Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library, Flushing, NY 11367

Reception, 4pm to 7pm, Thursday, April 10th

Gallery open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1-4pm, and by appointment.

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