

Gateway Arts presents *Sidney Perry: Master of the Studio Art Center*, a virtual solo retrospective.

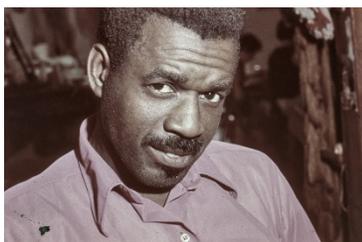
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Sidney Perry: Master of the Studio Art Center, January 19 -
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The Gateway Gallery at Gateway Arts is pleased to present the work of painter, fibers, and mixed media artist Sidney Perry, born in Alabama in 1943, in a solo retrospective online exhibition. This exhibition pays tribute to Sidney and his incredible career over many years as a working artist at Gateway Arts.

<https://www.gatewayarts.org/art/exhibitions/sidney-perry-master-of-the-studio-art-center/>

As a child, Sidney Perry moved with his family to Massachusetts. He entered the Gateway Center in Boston, Massachusetts in 1973 to learn artisanry skills, like weaving and pottery making. Like many of the original Gateway members, Perry left to do something more traditional, and for nearly a decade did janitorial work in the community. In 1984 he returned to Gateway, now in Brookline, where he excelled in art and craft making.



Perry became well known for weaving beautiful rag rugs and creating signature hand-built vessels using very thin coils of clay. In the 1990s, Gateway Arts joined the studio art center movement, giving artists with disabilities the opportunity to have their voices heard in the art world, as well as the world of art.

Perry has been able to further explore making art, utilizing his intuitive color sensibilities, and exploring his own personal iconography. He has created a body of memorable work which has been exhibited and collected nationally and internationally. The works on view range from the abstract to the pictorial, the found object to the delicately embroidered textile. Perry created most of the works on view between the mid-1990s and 2020.

The Gateway Gallery at Gateway Arts is pleased to present this exhibition at [gatewayarts.org/art/exhibitions/sidney-perry-master-of-the-studio-art-center/](https://www.gatewayarts.org/art/exhibitions/sidney-perry-master-of-the-studio-art-center/). All works are for sale.

Image Credits: Sidney Perry. Untitled (multi). Watercolor on rag paper. 11” x 15”. 1995. \$250.
Sidney Perry at Gateway Center in 1973.

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About Gateway Arts

Gateway Arts provides individualized art-based services to adults with disabilities that enable them to create meaningful lives and careers in art. Located in Brookline Village, Gateway Arts serves over 100 talented adults in the greater Boston area through its arts programming, store, and gallery. Artists receive opportunities for local, national, and international recognition and sales, and an industry standard 50% commission on the sale of their work. Gateway Arts is a service of Vinfen, New England's most comprehensive provider of human services to individuals with disabilities. For more information and online shopping, please visit gatewayarts.org.

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