

Rivington Arms

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First Show

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**NEW ART GALLERY SHOWING WORKS BY
YOUNG ARTISTS OPENS ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE**

January 18, 2002: Rivington Arms, a new gallery featuring work by young artists, is opening on the Lower East Side with a group show that includes photography, painting, collage, drawing and wall painting. With an eye for detail and an eclectic sense of style, this show sets a precedent for future shows to come. The gallery is committed to showing the work of young un-represented artists and unknowns.

"We want the artists and the communities spirit and energy to drive this space," says Melissa Bent, co-owner of the gallery. "Rivington Arms' purpose is to provide young artists who might not have a chance to exhibit an opportunity to do so," adds Mirabelle Marden, Bent's partner in the gallery.

Marden and Bent, twenty-three and twenty-four respectively, are opening the gallery with a group show titled First Show. "We wanted the first show to be a jumping off point for the gallery by showing works in different mediums by a wide range of artists," they say. The two are dedicated to working with the artist in creating unique shows that reflect the excitement in collaborating with their peers. In addition to the artwork, Rivington Arms will be selling smaller works both related and independent to the artists, such as art books, posters, rings, t-shirts and CDs.

Marden and Bent are working to champion the young artist and create a gallery where art is presented in a professional and relaxed manner. "We don't want the space to be scary or intimidating," they say.

The gallery is accepting slides and visuals of work can be sent to:

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