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City Hall Gallery Features Exhibition by Marissa Solini

The Springfield Arts Commission is pleased to present *The Apron Artist*, an exhibition of work by artist Marissa Solini. The show will run from October 1-31, 2018 with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m., on Friday, October 12. The reception is open to the community and will also feature light refreshments and live music by Donald Inglese.

As self-proclaimed, “The Apron Artist”, Solini’s apron works are rooted in history and meant to honor women and their valuable (and often unrecognized) roles in society. She hopes these paintings can bring up memories in their viewers and contribute to the unspoken legacy of the women who wore these aprons.

There are currently 102 aprons in Solini’s personal collection, some are newer, and some are old and weathered. Through her work, she aims to represent a variety of the patterns and styles found in vintage aprons. The paintings are meant to imitate the look of an apron hanging on the wall, striving to be as close to scale as possible.

Marissa Solini was born in San Francisco, California. She was raised by a family of artists and has carried that creativity with her throughout her life. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Oregon State University (OSU) in Corvallis, Oregon in 2015. In 2014, Solini received a grant from the President’s Commission on the Status of Women committee (at OSU) to fund a mixed-media series about female gender roles through both a historical and modern lens. This series included her first apron painting – and has inspired the last three and a half years of apron painting since.

Located on a 90-foot wall just outside the entrance to the Springfield Public Library, City Hall Gallery is seen by approximately 3,700 visitors each month. Since 1989, the gallery has featured monthly shows by regional artists chosen by the Springfield Arts Commission. The Commission issues a public call to artists each year. More information is available at www.springfieldartscommission.org

About Springfield Arts Commission

The Springfield Arts Commission promotes artistic and cultural richness and diversity in Springfield and assists in the preservation of the cultural heritage of the community as expressed through artistic endeavors. The Commission seeks to support opportunities for artistic creation, exhibits, performances

and events, and to facilitate awareness, communication, education and collaboration to increase the accessibility of the arts and art-related resources in the community. The nine-member volunteer Commission manages City Hall Gallery, administers the Heritage Arts Grant program, maintains Art Alley, a collection of outdoor murals, and supports youth arts programs in collaboration with the Springfield Public Library. The Commission is funded by City of Springfield room taxes.