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# ART EVENT: First Friday (6/3)

By [Rebecca Rafferty](#) on June 1, 2011

It's June, which means a few things for the arts community. Many - but not all - of the local college galleries have gone on vacation. It's the sixth month, which means Rochester Contemporary's super successful, annual "6x6" show and sale is back. And finally, the weather allows you to fully enjoy your First Friday art trek. The monthly, city-wide gallery night is held by non-profit, university, and commercial and indie art venues in Rochester, where we all trot about from station to station, filling our eyes and ears with what's new and exciting in our community. On Friday, June 3, 6-9 p.m. (and sometimes later) you can check out art openings, poetry readings, and musical performances in various locations. Visit [firstfridayrochester.org](http://firstfridayrochester.org) for a list of this month's participating venues, and check our online events calendar at [rochestercitynewspaper.com](http://rochestercitynewspaper.com) for more receptions and exhibits.

You can preview **Rochester Contemporary's** "6x6x2011: Global" exhibition Wednesday-Friday, June 1-3, 1-10 p.m. (as well as online at [roco6x6x.org](http://roco6x6x.org)). The actual opening party and artwork sale takes place Saturday, June 4, 6-10 p.m., and admission is \$5. By now you know the drill: buy numbered stickers for \$20 each, stalk your favorite pieces, and at the signal, claim them. Online purchasing follows on June 6 at 10 a.m.


At the **Record Archive** (33 1/3 Rockwood St., 244-1210), a group of Rochester artists will pay tribute to another in "Declan Ryan: An American Icon," with a variety of works by Trudy Feikert, The Professor of Rap, the Family Storms, and more.

Over at the Hungerford Building (1115 E. Main St., [thehungerford.com](http://thehungerford.com)), The **Rochester Art Club Studio** (Door 2, Suite 437, 439) will feature work by Kathleen Hanney and Phil Bliss at a 5-9 p.m. reception. Stop by **Crocus Clay Works** (Suite 225, 414-5643, [crocusclayworks.com](http://crocusclayworks.com)) to check out "Graffiti: Not Your Average Brazilian Post Card, Sabbatical Artwork by Kaaren Anderson," also 5-9 p.m. For one night only, 6-9 p.m., you can visit post-apocalyptic "**Museum of Future Past**" (Door 2, Suite 129), which through artifacts and Marvel comic story arcs will bring viewers into the mythos of superhero and super-villain characters no longer with us. "The age of heroes has come to an end," says artist Chris Wells, "but hope still remains."

Studio 215 in the **Anderson Alley Building** (250 N. Goodman St., 490-1210) will host "School's Out for Summer," a collaboration with students who want to express themselves outside of the art room. Artist and

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First Friday falls on June 3 this month, with many new exhibitions opening at various spots around Rochester, 6-9 p.m., including the Renaissance Art Gallery (pictured). PHOTO PROVIDED

  
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educator Heather Erwin will be on hand to aid with exploring the creative process, and supplies will be provided while they last. Over at the **Firehouse Gallery at Genesee Pottery** (713 Monroe Ave., 271-5183), take in "Intake," an exhibition of new work by artist and Nazareth College professor Mitch Messina. The **Renaissance Art Gallery** (74 St. Paul St., 423-8235) will hold a reception 6-8 p.m. for "Through the Artist's Eye," a show of new oils and watercolors by Judy Soprano.

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