

Charleston's Newest Fine Dining Restaurant Transforms Their Space into a Giant Canvas Showcasing Local Artists and Celebrating Charleston Culture

15 Painters from Lowcountry Artists Gallery to be Featured at the New Ruth's Chris Restaurant

(Charleston, SC) Charleston's newest restaurant is taking an innovative approach to celebrating all-things-Charleston by incorporating images of more than 30 paintings by local artists into the restaurant's core design.

The new Ruth's Chris--owned by Nancy and Mark Oswald is located at the French Quarter Inn on Market St. in the space formally occupied by Tristan. Nancy Oswald personally selected 35 paintings exclusively from Lowcountry Artists gallery, located just a few blocks away on East Bay St.

"Nancy was looking for a way to showcase a variety of local artists. By using the expanse of the building's original open rafter ceiling as the canvas, we were able to present 15 diverse local artist's works." explains Jenny Keenan of Jenny Keenan Interior Design, the firm managing the restaurant's transformation.

"We were called to Lowcountry Artists both as Charleston's oldest, artist-owned gallery and because of the passion of the gallery owners themselves." adds Nancy. "The talent and eclectic collection of these fine art professionals allowed us to choose from a range of paintings of a local nature while displaying a variety of styles. Their close proximity will also allow our guests to stroll to their gallery and explore a wider selection of works by these talented artists."

Images of the paintings were recreated on framed, sound-absorbing panels that are suspended from the ceiling to create a beautiful canopy of lowcountry scenes.

Lowcountry Artists member-artist and part-owner Joyce Harvey is excited to be a part of the project: "It has been great fun to work with the Ruth's Chris team. We are simply overjoyed with the results and thrilled that their guests will be surrounded by the beauty of the lowcountry created by our artists. Nancy and her design team brought an amazing vision to a vibrant, exciting reality that is sure to create a very memorable Charleston experience."

Ruth's Chris' grand opening is scheduled for May 24th. The original paintings are now available at Lowcountry Artists gallery at 148 East Bay St.

We have a great :30 time-lapse video of the art installation!

<https://vimeo.com/126566284>

Additional information: Lowcountry Artists gallery ~ 148 East Bay St.

Lowcountry Artists gallery is celebrating 33 years in Charleston with 33 artists and is the oldest artist-owned gallery in Charleston. LA currently has eight artist-owners and 25 guest artists with more than 500 works of art. The gallery showcases exceptional work created by mostly by local artists and offers a multitude of styles, subject matter and mediums including oil, watercolor, acrylic, encaustic, pastel and sculpture - from portraiture and landscapes to still life and abstracts.

Owners: Joyce Harvey, Lynne Hardwick, Norma Ballentine, Rana Jordahl, Laura Cody, Sandra Roper, Marty Biernbaum, Ed Waldrop

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Installation of Art Panels at Ruth's Chris



