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## Ashley Simmons joins the Working Artist Program at Canal Street Art Gallery

Canal Street Art Gallery presents: Ashley Simmons, the newest artist to join the gallery's Working Artist Program. Join the gallery for Free Self Expression on Bellows Falls 3rd Fridays and to meet the artist. All gallery events are free and open to the public, for wheelchair accessibility call 802-289-0104.

Ashley Simmons, based in Bellows Falls, Vermont, is a mixed media artist using art as a healing and therapeutic practice. Classically trained in figure drawing, Simmons uses acrylic paints with collaged materials to create texture and fantastical colors on canvas. "Art has long been my sanctuary. At this time I am focused on reveling in the playful flow of creation, using art as a tool to move through experiences and emotions as well as play with various materials, textures and subjects." -Ashley Simmons

The Working Artist Program provides local artists with a self curated exhibition and work space within the gallery. The program offers visitors a unique and personal experience by introducing them directly to artists, their artworks, their materials, and practices. Artists processing their own sales pay no commission to the gallery, sales processed through the gallery pay the gallery and the assisting artist a small commission.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street, in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls, Vermont, and is open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm, Sundays 11:00am to 4:00pm and the 3rd Friday of every month until 8:00pm. For more information about Ashley Simmons and the Working Artist Program go to [canalstreetartgallery.com](http://canalstreetartgallery.com) online, call Mike by phone at 802-289-0104, or send emails to [artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com](mailto:artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com).