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James Oliver Gallery in Philadelphia presents, ***small-ish***

Opening Saturday, December 5, 2026, the group exhibition features 20 artists: *small-ish* runs through January 23rd, 2027.

JOG has invited past exhibitors, friends of the gallery, and a few new faces to participate in this year's holiday small works exhibition. View works from Albo Jeavons, Chris Vecchio, Dolores Poacelli, Elyce Abrams, Hank Flynn, Jackson Kramer, Laura Phillips, Lee Shuman, Matthew Hance, Moshe Weinberger, Natalie Hope McDonald, Nicci Sevier-Vuyk, Patricia Yáñez, Pete Zebley, Ron Johnson, Ryan Evans, Steven Mogck, Timothy Prettyman, Tony Demelas, and Wendee Yudis. Join us for the Opening Reception on Saturday, December 5th from 6-9pm.

As 2026 comes to a close, we look back on James Oliver Gallery's extensive exhibition history and the nearly 300 local and regional artists that have shown with us over the past 20 years. Having become a pillar of the Philadelphia arts community, JOG continues to bring people together to celebrate creativity and support the artistic voices that make Philadelphia unique. Help us ring in the new year as we look forward to a future filled with exciting, community focused exhibitions.

Several of the artists featured in *small-ish* have exhibited with JOG in past shows, with some as early as 2007. The exhibition brings together a diverse group of artists whose work has resonated with audiences and collectors over the years. Below, we spotlight four of these artists, Matthew Hance, Natalie Hope McDonald, Nicci Sevier-Vuyk, and Ryan Evans, as a glimpse into the range of talent and perspectives represented in *small-ish*.

Matthew Hance (b. Washington, DC.) is a multidisciplinary artist, who works primarily in oil on canvas, and drawing in graphite. Matthew's work navigates the landscapes of self image and the geometry of the human psyche. Specifically, in relation to consciousness and the inner experience of what it means to be alive. Focusing on portraiture through a lens of both abstraction and figuration, his work is deeply rooted in the history of art.

Matthew holds a BFA from the Maryland Institute of Art and has studied at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn NY. His work is in private collections in the United States and internationally.

Natalie Hope McDonald is an artist based in Philadelphia. She also currently shows her work in New York City and London. Natalie is a painter and writer who uses traditional and reclaimed materials. She's inspired by popular culture and city life. She's currently working on a sketchbook project based on her travels, as well as abstract paintings inspired by the Chelsea Hotel and Chateau Marmont. Her work is in private and corporate collections around the world. Filmmaker Spike Lee is a major collector of Mc Donald's.

Nicci Sevier-Vuyk is a contemporary American artist known for her striking acrylic paintings of iconic objects from American culture. Her art is inspired by her fascination with the relationship between appearance and meaning, as well as her exploration of themes related to beauty stereotypes.

Ryan Evans is an artist from New Jersey whose work captures the strange, funny, and increasingly surreal experience of living in America today. Working in colored pencil and acrylic, he has drawn and painted on fast-food receipts, parking tickets, and scraps of trash. Giving disposable objects the kind of attention usually reserved for things we keep and treasure.

As noted by the title, *small-ish,* the works can range in size from 14" x 28", down to 6" x 8". We are allowing a buy and go situation for the first time in years. Please enjoy the love!



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