

# Art Capital

Philadelphia's art scene is unstoppable: Galleries are overflowing with new local talent, and artists from around the globe are opening studios in our city. How can you get in on the action? We begged local curator Eileen Tognini (Eileentognini.com) to share her must-watch list, so you can invest in pieces now, before these artists hit it big **By Valerie Yeager**



### Rachel Constantine, 34

**Medium/style:** Realist paintings infused with elements of Impressionism. **This piece:** *Dove*; \$8,500. **Portfolio:** Constantine, a NoLibs resident and U of Arts and PAFA grad, was invited to exhibit in the Philadelphia Museum of Art in '06 alongside the powerhouse "Andrew Wyeth: Memory and Magic" show. [Rachelconstantine.com](http://Rachelconstantine.com).



### Mark Khaisman, 51

**Medium/style:** Images constructed from layers of translucent packing tape. **This piece:** *Yakov*; \$10,000 for the original; prints from \$200. **Portfolio:** The Ukrainian-born artist studied in Moscow, and now lives in Jenkintown. See his show, "Tape Noir," through November 10th at Philly International Airport. [Khaismanstudio.com](http://Khaismanstudio.com).



### Julia Blaukopf, 26

**Medium/style:** Travel photography that blurs the lines between fine art and documentary. **This piece:** *Fish Pull, Ghana*; from \$100. **Portfolio:** U of Arts grad and South Philly resident Blaukopf has recorded her adventures—from contributing to a reforestation project in Kenya to working for a non-profit in Ghana—on film. [Juliablaukopf.com](http://Juliablaukopf.com).



### Brooke Hine, 32

**Medium/style:** Ceramic sculpture and installation. **This piece:** *Bottom of My Heart*; \$950. **Portfolio:** Hine, a Brewerytown resident, is curating a new exhibition for the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, to be mounted here in 2010. [Brookehine.com](http://Brookehine.com).



### Julia Stratton, 39

**Medium/style:** Bronze sculpture. **This piece:** *Étude in B Minor, Slate Blue (Unbridled)*; \$4,300. **Portfolio:** Her bronze music boxes are inspired by the piano music of Russian composer Alexander Scriabin. Also, check out the bronze sculptures of her husband, Shane Stratton ([Shanestratton.com](http://Shanestratton.com)), with whom she lives in the Italian Market. [Juliastratton.com](http://Juliastratton.com).

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