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The Adolf and Virginia Dehn Gallery at MCC on Main presents "Hans Weiss- Portraits Through Time," advertisement Feb. 7 through March 13. The opening reception will be held on Feb. 7 at 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery. Live music from Jen Lowe and Them Damn Hamiltons will follow as part of the Imagine Main Street First Friday events in downtown Manchester.

Award-winning artist and portrait painter, Hans Weiss will exhibit drawings and paintings of portraits he has executed over the years. Works will explore the portraiture of well-known Connecticut figures, as well as reflect Hans' years of international travel and his development of rendering a diverse selection of human faces and lives on canvas.

Weiss was raised in a German village, Malthern, now located in Slovakia, where he showed a great talent in art. Many of his paintings were exhibited throughout the region. Weiss and his family were placed in a concentration camp during World War II and, after one year, they were sent to live in East Germany. Due to the war, all of his early paintings and drawings were lost. But at the age of fourteen, Weiss started to paint again using brushes made from his mother's hair. Weiss and his family eventually escaped communist East Germany to freedom in West Germany where he completed his apprenticeship at the Mercedes Benz Company in Stuttgart. Weiss emigrated to the United States at the age of eighteen and attended various art and technical schools throughout Connecticut. His work can be found in museums, books and many State and Federal buildings and in many private collections.

In 1990, Weiss was appointed to serve on the board of directors of the Manchester Community College Foundation and continues to serve today. He has been a long-time supporter of An Evening of Wine Fines.

Weiss is a long-time Manchester resident and gallery owner (HansWeissGallery.com). He has been an integral member of the local arts community and a leading benefactor of Manchester Community College. In 2004, Weiss pledged \$100,000 to the MCC Foundation to establish the Hans Weiss Arts Scholarship. In recognition of this generous gift, the MCC art gallery located in the SBM Charitable Foundation building was renamed the "Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery."

On Meditation Monday, Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dehn Gallery Curator, Maura O'Connor will lead a walk through time and across continents with the portraiture of Hans Weiss and. For more information:

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