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***GARY MAGAKIS/BENNETT BEAN: ASIAN INFLUENCES***

OPENS FRIDAY OCTOBER 1 2010 through NOVEMBER 20, 2010



Gary Magakis



Bennett Bean

Artists ***Gary Magakis*** and ***Bennett Bean*** are both well known in their respective fields: Magakis for his metal sculpture and furniture designs. Bean

for his unique wheel thrown and patterned low-fire vessels, often detailed with gold and silver leaf.

***Bennett Bean***, a Buddhist, also created ***Bennett Bean Studios***, a company that has produced a line of limited edition carpets and runners, for more than 13 years, in collaboration with fiber designer Elizabeth Rand. Made on home looms and studios in Nepal using classical Tibetan knotting techniques at a density of 100 to 200 knots to the square inch, the designs are developed by computer in his studio here, then sent to Nepal where they are printed as full-scale cartoons and hung behind the looms, the weavers hand tying each knot to match the cartoon.

***Snyderman-Works Galleries*** proposed turning the gallery into a collaborative 'salon' in connection with , combining the furniture, carpets and ceramic vessels into an exhibition titled '***ASIAN INFLUENCES***'.

That exhibition will open on October 1, 2010 (First Friday), and continue through November 20. A special series of talks and events will also take place throughout Old City on Saturday, October 9, in connection with **DesignPhiladelphia**.

The '**ASIAN INFLUENCES**' exhibition is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 Am to 6 PM. The gallery is closed on Sunday and Monday.

**SPECIAL HOURS FOR FIRST FRIDAY:** Open Friday, October 1 until 9:30 PM.  
Open Saturday, October 2 from Noon to 6 PM