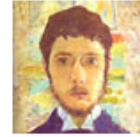


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From my backyard: [Numark Gallery](#) is closing after 11 years of being one of DC's top commercial spaces. The gallery was home to Chan Chao, Jim Sanborn and Dan Steinhilber. Once again DCers are asking: Can commercial galleries thrive here given that we're only 160 minutes from NYC? Just judging from the last year's worth of DC shows — a lot of safe, marketable, law-firm art — I'm not sure it matters. (In the last year or so we've lost both Numark and Fusebox, two galleries that showed more challenging work.) Last week [Kriston Capps](#) had a great line in the Washington CityPaper about the tameness of most DC galleries: "So dire is the state of the Republic that even casual gallerygoers wonder where the pressing political art is. The question is a telling one: How can we be this f*cked and not have any decent art to show for it?" We'd love to see [Curator's Office](#) move to the Numark space.

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