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Colorful Collage Exhibit in Jasper, Indiana

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The Krempp Gallery at the Jasper Arts Center will present “Paper Collage”—a solo exhibit that showcases the work of DC area artist Megan Coyle. The show will include portraits of people in everyday settings and animal portraits inspired by critters from the National Zoo. It will also feature several bright landscape and cityscape pieces – providing a nice range of subject matter.

The “Paper Collage” collection looks like a group of paintings, when they are in fact collages made from magazine strips. Each creation is the product of Megan Coyle’s intricate efforts in cutting and layering paper in such a way that it looks like painting. It is only when you step up close to one of these collage “paintings” that you can pick up on all the fragments of photographs, textures, and patterns that have been pulled from magazine pages. This is the very reason why Coyle has called her technique “painting with paper” – the process of manipulating magazine clippings in such a way that they strongly resemble the brushstrokes in a painting.

“Paper Collage” will open on May 4th, 2011 and run until the 27th. This will be Megan Coyle’s first solo exhibition in the Midwest. Coyle will also run her first ever collage workshop, which coincides with the exhibit. The workshop will take place before the opening on April 30th from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Coyle will review a short history of collage as an art form and attendees will have an opportunity to complete several small collage projects. Coyle will also demonstrate her “painting with paper” technique, and participants will have a chance to make their own “painting with paper” collages.

Megan Coyle is a practicing collage artist and designer living in Northern Virginia. She graduated in 2008 from Elon University with a degree in painting and creative writing. Her work has been featured in blogs around the world and printed in publications around the country. She has exhibited at the Smithsonian Ripley Center, Art League Gallery, Fisher Gallery, Nicholas Colasanto Center, and other galleries in the Washington, DC area.

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