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One of the newest additions to the Gallery's collections is this whimsical creation called "The Generals," showing George Washington, in rear, sharing the same horse with Napoleon. Acquired during the summer, it has not yet been seen by most local art viewers. Now standing in the center of the Gallery's new wing, the piece evokes a humorous reaction even from those who believe an art gallery is exclusively a place for serious thoughts. Created by 32-year-old, Paris-born Marisol Escobar, who now lives in New York, the figure has a build-in phonograph which plays a march.

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It's not the technique of the artist that puzzles this viewer, but the strange "Da Bc 20" scrawled near the woman's left shoulder. Explanation is that the artist, German impressionist Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, painted on both sides of a canvas. After his death, when his paintings were auctioned, the other side of this "Portrait of a Woman" was considered more salable and the auctioneer's code number placed on the "back."

As if relaxing outdoors, a young gallery visitor takes in the "Sunrise" by American sculptor David Hare. This rock at the base represents the earth, the vertical wires the sun's rays.

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