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Shaheen gallery features Charlene Liu paintings

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Local galleries are bustling with new shows. Among the highlights, Shaheen Modern and Contemporary Art is hosting a solo exhibition of exquisite works on paper by Taiwanese-born artist Charlene Liu.

Using a variety of media and processes -- including watercolor, ink and woodblock printing -- Liu paints exceptionally detailed works that sometimes resemble landscapes and other times become abstract and highly decorative.

Merging Eastern and Western traditional painting techniques, she uses plants and floral imagery to create organic compositions that pulsate with energy.

Liu has exhibited widely in the United States and Europe since earning a master of fine arts degree from Columbia University in 2003. This is her first show in the Midwest.

Shaheen Modern and Contemporary Art is at 740 W. Superior Ave. in Cleveland. The show is up through Friday, April 11. Call 216-830-8888 or go to www.shaheengallery.com.



Energy source: New mixed-media works on paper by Taiwanese-born artist Charlene Liu, who lives and works in Eugene, Ore., are featured in the exhibition "Charlene Liu: Recent Paintings" at Shaheen Modern and Contemporary Art in downtown Cleveland.