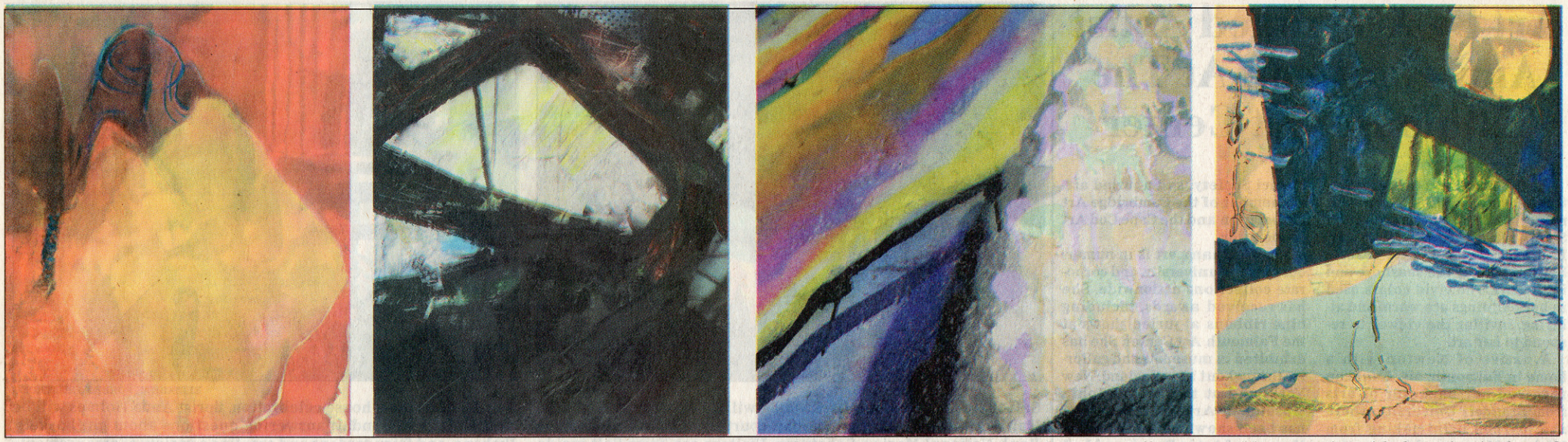

Work by (from left) Joseph Diggs, Richard Neal, Grace Hopkins and Jackie Reeves will be included in "Speak My Language" at Falmouth's Maser Gallery. An opening reception with the artists is planned for Sunday, May 7, from 3 to 5 PM.

Maser Gallery Hosts ArtSpring Event Featuring Work By Four Artists

The Maser Gallery will host an opening reception for "Speak My Language" Sunday from 3 to 5 PM as part of ArtSpring Cape Cod.

Artwork by Grace Hopkins, Joseph Diggs, Jackie Reeves and Richard Neal will be on display at the the gallery, which is at Falmouth Community Television, Dillingham Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

Ms. Hopkins was born in Hyannis and grew up splitting time between New York City and Wellfleet. She attended Friends Seminary in New York City for high school and then Hampshire College in Amherst and graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree from Tufts University and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Of her work, Ms. Hopkins says, "They are photographs, but people think they are paintings. Technically, they are straight photographs taken of actual things that exist in the world and are not manipulated, but they look like and feel like abstract paintings. I believe in the power of color and how it affects mood. I want people to have the bold composition of color, shadow, lights and blacks challenge them to find their footing within the picture."

Mr. Diggs was born in Croix-Chapeau, France, to a military family who supported his artistic desires. He graduated from Southeastern Massachusetts University with a bachelor's degree in fine art painting and recently completed a master's of fine art degree at Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Mr. Diggs has described painting as magic. "Images appear out of nothing, blobs of color transform themselves to a new meaning. Creating art gives me the opportunity to share my visual experiences. I identify with the power of the image and re-represent it to my audience. I want my work to invoke thoughts and emotions that will take the viewer on a visual journey."

Canadian-born, Cape Cod-based artist Jackie Reeves works with drawing, painting and collage, bringing together figurative and abstract elements. She was raised in Montreal and studied design art at Concordia University. Her artistic career began as a professional mural painter for corporate, private and public spaces. Concurrently, Ms. Reeves co-founded the Plymouth Center for the Arts. In 2010 she earned her MFA in painting at Massachusetts College of Art and Design and has since exhibited in solo and group shows throughout Cape Cod and in Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, DC, and North Carolina. She has been profiled in numerous publications, including The Boston Globe, Art New England, Artscope magazine as one of "25 artists that have captured our imagination," and Cape Cod ART Magazine.

Mr. Neal is a painter and sculptor working at Chalkboard Studio in Barnstable. He earned his bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and has a master of fine arts from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. His work was included in Six of One at the Cape Cod Museum of Art and in recent years he has exhibited in Chelsea, New York, at Pop Sock Monkey; at the NK Gallery in Boston; at the Dadian Gallery in Washington, DC; at Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina; and in a solo show at the Tao Water Gallery in Provincetown. He is also a set designer, most recently working at the Cotuit Center for the Arts on the production "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." He was the set foreman and artistic adviser there for the first Cape Cod production of John Logan's play "Red," about the painter Mark Rothko.

ArtSpring Cape Cod is a Capewide grassroots celebration of arts and culture running through May 7. Events during the festival have explored the theme of "Freedom of Expression."