## IN THE ARTS



"Defending Liberty" by Nick Berger

American masters in R.B.

Reacon Fine Arts Gallery in Red Bank is hosting an exhibition by two major contemporary artists.

An exhibit of paintings by Ted Jeremenko, renowned master painter of Americana, and Nick Berger, renowned landscape and seascape painter, opened Nov. 17 at the gallery, located at 61 Monmouth St.

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The extensive exhibit of works by the artists includes new originals.

Jeremenko's paintings create a sense of timelessness and serenity. His frequent subject matter includes lighthouses, barns, cottages and village scenes that reflect a passion for simple, elegant architecture that derives its strength from the environment around it.

Jeremenko came to America from Yugoslavia when he was 12 years old, and moved to New York in his mid-20s. Like many important American artists, he is completely self-taught. After a very positive response to his first exhibition, he decided to devote more to his painting. His artwork quickly gained a national audience, and he settled in East Hamp-

ton, N.Y., to dedicate full attention to his painting.

Berger's career as an artist spans three decades and has brought him national and international acclaim. A listed artist, having sold through Sotheby's, his paintings are found in private as well as corporate collections.

Berger's paintings have the power to draw the viewer into the heart of the seene.

Having worked for several decades in watercolor, his recent work consists of Hudson River landscapes painted in oil. In this new medium, viewers will continue to find the sensitivity reminiscent of Berger's watercolors, the beauty of his signature detail work, and the subtlety and fine nuances that continue to place his work among the best.

Berger lives in the Hudson Highlands, an area rich in natural beauty that has inspired many American artists.



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"On a Cloudy Day" Ted Jeremenko



"Behind the Green Door" by Nick Berger