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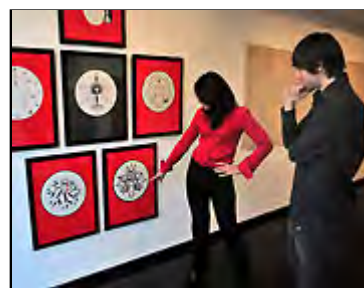
Big arts: Two new galleries open

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The economy may stink, but that isn't stopping the owners of two new art galleries.

"It's the worst time ever to open, but sometimes a crisis gives people the opportunity to do what they've always wanted to do," said Muriel Guépin, whose Shop Art gallery in Boerum Hill will host its first show on Feb. 7.



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Gallery of war: Tony Orrico (with associate Susan Chung) has opened Under Minerva, a new art gallery on Fifth Avenue in Greenwood Heights.

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Guépin's concept is to sell affordable art, so her gallery will be filled with less-costly work by new artists. Prices will cap around \$1,500.

Meanwhile in Greenwood Heights, another gallery, Under Minerva (pictured), has opened on Fifth Avenue near 19th Street with a different formula: patrons can also take classes in art, yoga, meditation and creative writing in addition to buying the stuff on the walls.

"A little consideration [toward the economy] has been taken, which is why we have supplemental things going on," said Under Minerva's art director, Tony Orrico.

Shop Art Gallery [51 Bergen St., between Smith Street and Boerum Place in Boerum Hill, (718) 858-4535]. Wednesday-Saturday, 11 am-7 pm; Sunday noon-5 pm; Under Minerva (656 Fifth Ave., near 19th Street in Greenwood Heights). Tuesday-Friday, noon-6 pm;