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Packed opening night For the Love of Art

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Photo Pippa Fisher Art lovers and many others filled the old Wells Fargo Building on Feb. 14 in Lafayette.

like this."

Wine was being served from the old teller counters, people could access the vault to see a fun exhibit and in another corner the Acalanes Jazz Quartet expertly entertained.

The crowd was also treated to a performance by local singer/songwriter Laura Zucker and to an Art Moves Project performance that included an interpretative dancer moving amongst them and an installation room titled "Encased." AMP is a public art initiative founded by Lafayette residents Yukie Fujimoto, Christy Mack and Lissa Resnick focused on bringing art and movement out of traditional venues to unexpected spaces.

"The dancer added a layer and made it just so cool," says Perlmutter, explaining that she aims to push up against the norm. "The question is, what is art? Why does it matter?"

"For the last five years I've been bridging culture, commerce and community in my flagship gallery. People here are thirsty for art and creative connection," says Perlmutter. "Now even more people get to experience the strong creative culture in Contra Costa County. It's nothing short of exciting."

The gallery is open to the public 11 a.m. till 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.

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