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Anastasia & Friends in Columbia, SC, Offers Exhibit Focused on Surrealism



Work by Nathan Fiveash
Anastasia Chernoff and Lindsay

Wiggins are co-hosting an art exhibition called, *The Surreal Show Redux*, at Anastasia & Friends art gallery, in Columbia, SC, on view from Feb. 2 - 23, 2012. A reception will be held on Feb. 2, from 6-9pm, during Columbia's Main Street's First Thursday art crawl.

All of the paintings featured in the show were created using the Surrealist approach. Surrealism is a movement in art and literature which began in the 1920's that sought to release the creative potential of the unconscious mind, characterized by the evocative juxtaposition of incongruous images in order to include unconscious and dream elements.

The exhibition will feature sculpture, paintings, mixed media, photography and textiles by Natalie Brown, Anastasia Chernoff, Janice Dittmar, Nathan Fiveash, Libby Gamble, Michelle Rogers, Kirill Simin, Lyra Stephens and Lindsay Wiggins.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings or call Anastasia Chernoff at 803/665-6902.

Editorial Commentary

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fast fell on a guy who doesn't embrace change that well. By necessity, the Carolina Clay Resource Directory lost out. Finally this new blog will make it easier for me to keep up with these clay events in a timely fashion. I seem to have the blog technology down - tomorrow everything will probably change now that I've made that statement, but that's life or at least mine lately.

As you may know or are just realizing, Linda and I are juggling a lot and from time to time it all demands attention and some things one or two aspects of the Page 12 - Carolina Arts, February 2012

overall *Carolina Arts* operation has to take a back seat to our main objective - the newspaper. But we try to do the best we can.

The Nina Liu & Friends Update

Over the last several years Nina Liu, owner of Nina Liu & Friends art gallery has tried to sell her home/gallery located in the French Quarter arts district of historic Charleston, SC - with little luck. The housing market in Charleston is just not

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Tapp's Arts Center in Columbia, SC, Features Works by Kathleen Robbins, Eliot Dudik, and More



Work by Eliot Dudik

Tapp's Arts Center in Columbia, SC, will present the exhibit *From Here to Mississippi*, a photography exhibition featuring works by Kathleen Robbins and Eliot Dudik, as well as other photographers,

on view in the Center's gallery from Feb. 2 - 25, 2012. A reception will be held on Feb. 2, from 5-9pm, during Columbia's First Thursdays on Main event.

Kathleen Robbins and Eliot Dudik, both faculty members of the University of South Carolina photography department, will display recent photographs. Recent graduates and current student members of the University of South Carolina Photographic Society will join Robbins and Dudik in this exhibition.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, contact Brenda Schwarz by calling 803/609-3479, e-mail to (Brenda@tappsartscenter.com) or e-mail (Billy@tappsartscenter.com) or visit Tapp's on Facebook.

Hitchcock Health Center in Aiken, SC, Offers Works by Lorenzo Williams

Award winning North Augusta, SC, artist, Lorenzo Williams, will be featured as the Aiken Artist Guild Artist of the Month at the Hitchcock Health Center in Aiken, SC, on view from Feb. 2 - 28, 2012.

Williams was born in Jonston, SC, and has been a professional artist for twenty years or more. He has been drawing since kindergarten and was self-taught until he received his Bachelor Degree of Art in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of South Carolina at Aiken in 1996. In 1999, the artist received his Master Degree of Art in Teaching from Lander University in Greenwood, SC.

Williams has presented a variety of solo exhibits and received various awards throughout the South. In 2009, he received

the Community Champion Award in Education in Augusta, GA, and was chosen as a Star teacher for 2007-2008, at Butler High School. He continues to teach at Butler High School in the Fine Arts Department.

"It was always a teacher who encouraged me to do my best. My goal is to inspire, motivate, and encourage others to live their dreams to the fullest. I believe that everyone is successful if they stay focused." says Williams.

The exhibit will offer the artist's acrylic works. The paintings incorporate lively color in portraits and varied other subject matter.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Center at 803/648-8344 or visit the Aiken Artist Guild at (www.aikenartistguild.org).