



## Trackside Studios in Asheville, NC, Features Works by Jaime Byrd

Trackside Studios in Asheville, NC, will present *Living Images*, featuring works by Jaime Byrd, on view from June 5 - 30, 2021. A reception will be held on June 5, from 4-7pm.

*Living Images*, offers images of travel and the colors of Appalachia. The exhibition is an immersive art experience in "Augmented Reality" from multimedia artist Jaime Byrd, which brings paintings to life with motion and sound using a smartphone or tablet and a free online app.

Meet Byrd as she shares her creations in person at the show opening on June 5. Bring your tablet or smartphone along with headphones for an optimal experience! Champagne, beer, wine and light snacks will be provided. Masks required and COVID safety protocols observed.



Work by Jaime Byrd

"I have been a storyteller for most of my life and my artwork is no different. My pieces can now tell their own story using Augmented Reality (AR)," says Byrd.

"I've merged my love of painting, filmmaking, sound design, and technology into one immersive art experience by creating AR as part of my physical oil and cold wax paintings."

"This current show, called *Living Images* focuses on calmness, tranquility, and peace-



Work by Jaime Byrd

fulness. The collection are pieces that I have worked on over the last year and reflects the need for being close to nature as well as one another. The AR is about falling into one of my paintings and spending time in a place where I often go in my own mind - a place where I can relax and relieve anxiety through difficult times. I hope the viewer will be able to experience a similar effect," adds Byrd.

"Guests will be able to use their smartphones or tablets with headphones to view the 10-30 seconds of AR (some include 3D animation) by simply downloading a free online app and pointing their camera at one of my paintings. The experience can be exhilarating, fun, and somewhat magical if you haven't seen it before."

"I'm excited to share these unique pieces of art and hopefully bring something positive into the lives of others. The AR is included in the purchase of each painting, so viewers can take it home to share and experience it whenever they wish for years to come."

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the Studios at 828/545-2904 or visit ([www.tracksidestudios375.com](http://www.tracksidestudios375.com)).

About the exhibits: *SHAC Salutes Our Featured Artists: Year One* with representative works from over 30 artists that have appeared in its monthly blog this past year.

*Art in the Gardens: Biltmore Lake* exhibits interpretive art alongside photographs by Bob Ware and inspired by private gardens. This exhibition is presented by Biltmore Lake Artists and Biltmore Lake Garden Club in collaboration with SHAC, which first began in Biltmore Lake and now reaches into nearby Western Buncombe communities.



Work by Bob Ware

In Western Buncombe, SHAC has become a virtual gallery in neighborhoods where there are many artists but few galleries. In its first year, SHAC has featured over thirty artists on their blog which also includes news and commentary and has brought a regional and national audience of arts lovers to WNC's top galleries through their Virtual Gallery Tours. Artists hail from 28715, 28716, 28728, 28806 and 28810. Artists from those zip codes are invited to apply to be a Featured Artist at ([sandhill-artists.com](mailto:sandhill-artists.com)).

## American Folk Art & Framing in Asheville, NC, Offers Exhibit Focused on Water

American Folk Art & Framing in Asheville, NC, will present *WATER: Beautiful, Powerful, Shimmering*, on view from June 3 - 24, 2021.

The artists represented at American Folk Art all find inspiration from water, and create using their own affinities to it in myriad creative and personal ways.

"I delight in finding the commonalities in our artists' works, and all the different angles from which they view their lives. Identifying a common theme emerging from their hearts is so much more inspired that asking an artist to paint to a chosen subject matter," says Betsey-Rose Weiss, gallery owner.



Work by Jo Miller

([sandhill-artists.com](http://sandhill-artists.com)). Anyone from anywhere can sign up to participate in SHAC events and receive their monthly blog.

The preview party for SHAC members is on June 12, from 5 to 6pm. Anyone registering for SHAC now will receive an e-vite to the private preview party which will include a very special guest from Los Angeles and an announcement that will bring national attention to Asheville and its artists. Also a free glass of champagne to salute our featured artists.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call 828/505-1214 or visit (<https://www.riverartsdistrict.com/artist/foundation-studios/>).

## Foundation Studios in Asheville, NC, Offers Two Exhibits for the Sand Hill Artists' First Anniversary

Foundation Studios, located in the River Arts District in Asheville, NC, will present two exhibits including: *SHAC Celebrates Year One*, featuring works by 30 featured artists of the Sand Hill Artists (SHAC) and works by members of the Biltmore Lake

Artists, on view from June 12 through July 4, 2021. To be invited to the private Preview Party from 5-6pm, sign up at ([sandhill-artists.com](http://sandhill-artists.com)). The show will open to the public from 6-8pm.

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Water references in the bible, in dream states, the sudden nostalgia evoked from noticing a water tower, to a walk in the rain or a moment of lakeside revelry... Water is us; it has permeated our consciousness and the imagery we create. Water gives us life, but we must also respect the power of its currents and tides. This dichotomy lends a certain drama and reverence to the way in which we depict the brilliant surfaces and mysterious depths of water.

This show marks the 20th anniversary of American Folk Art & Framing and honors the important contribution of all creative artists, including those who followed a very

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