

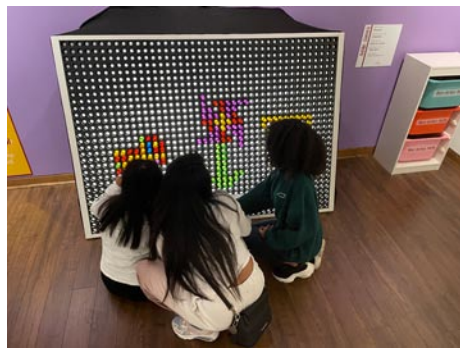
Hickory Museum of Art in Hickory, NC, Offers Exhibition for Children

The Hickory Museum of Art in Hickory, NC, is presenting *juniorHMA*, an exhibition created especially for children and their families that encourages engagement with the museum's collection, on view through July 30, 2023.

Artwork selections will be from HMA's extensive Southern Contemporary Folk Art collection. Paintings and sculptures will be installed at a kid-friendly height and accompanied by corresponding hands-on interactives.

Children will be able to create abstract and representational designs with giant LiteBrites, explore rural life with tractors and animals, color on a 4- x 24-foot coloring page, sculpt with blocks, invent new figures inspired by the collection, and more. "*juniorHMA* is an exhibition for the whole family. We are presenting folk art from our Permanent Collection in an engaging way that encourages exploration and fun. Teaching connection with art and the creative process is exactly what we strive to do and this exhibition offers that engagement all summer long," said HMA Executive Director Clarissa Starnes.

Admission is free, however, a suggested donation per person is \$5.



Children at one of the Museum's LiteBrite boards

The exhibition is supported by Shurtape, Beaver Family Foundation, and Broyhill Family Foundation.

The Hickory Museum of Art was founded in 1944 to collect, care for, and exhibit American art. More than 75 years later, the Museum has evolved into an arts center featuring an extensive permanent collection of art objects across all mediums and education classes for all ages. The Museum is located on the SALT Block, on 3rd Avenue NE, Hickory.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Museum at 828/327-8576, ext 201 or visit (www.HickoryArt.org).

Cabarrus Arts Council in Concord, NC, Offers New Exhibition

The Cabarrus Arts Council in Concord, NC, is presenting *LIMINAL: The Space Between*, on view in The Galleries in The Historic Courthouse, through July 22, 2023.

This unique exhibition is part of the arts council's commitment to presenting and promoting local artists and performers through collaboration with guest curator and community art advocate Katlyn Cornelius (aka TuxedoKat).

LIMINAL showcases and celebrates the wide variety of creatives in Cabarrus County. The featured artists in this exhibition span the spectrum of experience in showing their work in a formal setting. Some are experienced artists who regularly have their work featured while others have only created in their own homes. What unites them is that all of the *LIMINAL* artists live in or actively participate in Cabarrus County's creative culture.

"A lot of change is happening in Cabarrus County, and it made me want to capture what the creative culture is in our community right now," said Cornelius.



Work by Abby Barringer

"Before we welcome the wave of new citizens and businesses that will influence our small-town culture, we will showcase the creatives who live and influence Concord's unique 'vibe' in the here and now," adds Cornelius.

The Galleries in Downtown Concord are surrounded by change right now as the city undergoes a major streetscape renovation along with the addition of living spaces certain to draw a whole new dynamic to the community.

"We are living in the space between where our community has been and where it is headed," said Cornelius. It is what she calls "the space between" or *LIMINAL*.

As with all exhibitions at The Galleries, a series of events will take place during the show's run including: Family Day on June 10, from 1-4pm; a Stage Performance on June 22, from



Work by TuxedoKat

7-9pm; and a Stage Performance on July 13, from 7-9pm.

Details about the two stage performances will be shared on the Cabarrus Arts Council website and social media channels.



Work by Sophia Olson

You can see a list of all the artists who will be participating in the exhibition and samples of their work on the Cabarrus Arts Council website at (www.cabarrusartscouncil.org/the-galleries).

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 704/920-2787 or e-mail to (liz@cabarrusartscouncil.org).

Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC, Features Works by Gaston County Students

Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC, will present *Through an Artist's Eyes*, curated by Alicyn Wiedrich, Curator of the Gaston County Museum in Dallas, NC, featuring works by Gaston County students from elementary to high school, on view in the Pauline Dove Gallery, from June 3 through July 23, 2023. A reception will be held on June 11, from 2-4pm.

Through an Artist's Eyes showcases artwork concentrations spanning multiple disciplines including drawing, painting, photography and 3D sculptures. Every year, Gaston County art teachers select artwork created by their students and submit the work to an annual student show hosted at the Gaston County Museum. The winning works of art become part of the museum's annual art exhibition featuring elementary through high school students. This year, the Museum partnered with the Central Piedmont Art Galleries to display the best in show and award winners of this exhibition on Central Campus, in the Pauline Dove Art Gallery.

The Pauline Dove Art Gallery is located on Elizabeth Avenue in Charlotte.

Central Piedmont Community College is

highly accessible and convenient to people of all ages who seek a real-world, affordable, hands-on education that will transform their lives and strengthen the economic, social, and cultural environment of Mecklenburg County. Central Piedmont is also a smart investment. At a fraction of the cost, students learn by doing, receiving a combination of technical and soft skills training from quality faculty who prepare them to enter the workforce and make a difference in their family, business, community, and world. Founded in 1963, Central Piedmont Community College has eight locations throughout Mecklenburg County, offering nearly 300 degree, diploma, and certification programs; customized corporate training; market-focused continuing education; and special interest classes. For more information, visit (cpcc.edu), or connect with the college on social media at (cpcc.edu/social).

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, or contact Senior Art Gallery Coordinator, Amelia Zytka, by e-mail at (Amelia.Zytka@cpcc.edu). Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at Central Piedmont Arts and our blog at (<http://blogs.cpcc.edu/cpccartgalleries/@cpccarts>).

Jerald Melberg Gallery in Charlotte, NC, Features Works by Raul Diaz

Jerald Melberg Gallery in Charlotte, NC, will present *Dreaming of Life's Journey*, featuring new paintings, sculpture and works on paper by Raul Diaz, on view from June 10 through July 22, 2023. A reception will be held on June 9, from 6-8pm.

Jerald Melberg Gallery is pleased to present a solo exhibition of recent paintings, sculpture and works on paper by the celebrated Argentine artist Raul Diaz. In this new body of work, Diaz continues the exploration of boats as a metaphor for the journey of life.



Work by Raul Diaz

for life's journey. As his paintings on wood panels are almost always bas-relief, it was a natural progression for him to begin making sculpture. Taking the boat and figural images into three dimensions he creates a new experience for the viewer and expands his own technical prowess, employing both wood and bronze. In this exhibition, Diaz also explores his chosen imagery with painstakingly-created handmade, moulded works on paper.

Jerald Melberg Gallery is located on South Sharon Amity Road near the intersection with Providence Road.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 704/365.3000 or visit (www.jeraldmelberg.com).



Work by Raul Diaz

Diaz draws his imagery from childhood memories of lake fishing with his father and grandfather. The sight of wooden fishing boats, either dotting the water or stacked on the beach, is indelible in the artist's memory, and these same vessels frequently appear in the work as a metaphor

Nine Eighteen Nine Studio Gallery in Charlotte, NC, Features Works by Jerry Lee Kirk

Nine Eighteen Nine Studio Gallery in Charlotte, NC, is presenting *Jerry Lee Kirk: Paintings 1991-2023 - Celebrating 30+ As A Charlotte Artist*, curated by Joanne Rogers, on view through June 24, 2023. An Artist Talk will be offered on June 22, from 6-8pm.

Jerry Lee Kirk is an Expressionist painter who has won numerous awards, most notable being an Emerging Artist Grant from the Arts and Science Council of Charlotte/Mecklenburg. His work has been exhibited in dozens of galleries throughout the United States, including Ward-Nasse Gallery in NYC, Waterworks Gallery in Salisbury, NC, R.J. Reynolds Gallery in Winston-Salem, NC, Reinert Gallery in Blowing Rock, NC, The Contemporary Art Museum in Raleigh, NC, and Emerald C Gallery in Coronado, CA.



Work by Jerry Lee Kirk

Kirk's work is included in private collections throughout the world, as well as several corporate collections.

Kirk began his fine art career after moving to Charlotte, NC, over 30 years ago and has won acclaim for work that

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The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be June 24th for the July 2023 issue and July 24 for the August 2023 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now. And where do you send that info? E-mail to (info@carolinaarts.com).