

# SC Institutional Galleries

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Work by Anthony Collichio

and Church Street, Bluffton. **July 1 - 28** - "What Dreams Are Made Of ..." experience the surreal works of Anthony Collichio. A reception will be held on July 12, at 6pm. This exhibit showcases a unique exploration of Collichio's surrealist and cubist creations, vividly representing the intersection of his dreams and reality. The exhibit contains content intended for mature audiences only. Some pieces may include themes or imagery that could be considered unsuitable for children. **Viewer discretion is advised. Ongoing** - Featuring works in a variety of mediums by over 100 area artists, with all work moderately priced. Changing shows every six weeks. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 11:30am-3pm. Contact: 843/757-6586 or at ([www.sobagallery.com](http://www.sobagallery.com)).

## Camden

**Bassett Gallery**, Arts Center of Kershaw County, 810 Lytleton Street, Camden. **Ongoing** - The Arts Center of Kershaw County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that brings energy, creativity, and experience of the Arts to all ages. The Arts Center strives to make both the Visual, Music and Performing Arts an integral part of the life of our community. Admission: Free. Hours: hours varies by exhibit. Contact: 803/425-7676 or at ([www.fineartscenter.org](http://www.fineartscenter.org)).

## Charleston

**Avery Research Center for African History and Culture**, at the College of Charleston, 125 Bull St., Charleston. **Ongoing** - Exhibits on view include: "Since 1920: Zeta Phi Beta Centennial". The Gamma Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated presents a centennial exhibit filled with the rich history of the sorority in print and paraphernalia. Visitors can see in-depth the programming, philanthropy and reach of Zeta Phi Beta during their 100 years. "The Water Keeps Rising" Hip-hop artist and activist Benny Starr has created an interactive exhibit based on data from the Avery's State of Racial Disparities Report in Charleston County. This exhibit will create an immersive experience for visitors. In the areas of civic engagement, racial disparities, the environment and performance art/music, this exhibit will aim to connect the dots from historical data and archival information up to the present conditions of the Lowcountry. "Resilient". Local artist Chris "Kolpeace" Johnson will highlight the power of being resilient with this work that recognizes African Americans who have shown strength through adversity including the late local activist Muihyidin D'baha and Cyntoia Brown, who faced life in prison after being convicted of homicide as a juvenile. These pieces are tributes to memorialize the impactful strength of an unsung hero in the community, engaging the soul and spirit. "The African Origins of Mathematics". Charleston resident and artist Robert "King David" Ross highlights the direct impact Africa has had on modern mathematics in this exhibit. Showcasing the first math instrument, the Ishango bone, the exhibit allows visitors to see the influence Africa has had on every aspect of life. Admission: Free. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm, with guided tours at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, and 3:30pm. Contact: 843/805-5507 or visit ([www.cofc.edu/avery](http://www.cofc.edu/avery)).

**Charleston Artist Guild Gallery**, 160 East Bay St., Charleston. **July 1 - 31** - "Color Symphony," featuring the talents of Fairoozan Abdullah. A reception will be held on July 5, from 5-8pm. Fairoozan brings her vibrant and captivating artworks to the forefront of Charleston's art scene. With a lifelong dedication to her craft, Fairoozan is an accomplished artist and illustrator renowned for her mastery of acrylic, watercolor,



Work by Fairoozan Abdullah

and pencil mediums. **Ongoing** - Featuring an exhibit of works by over 80 plus members of CAG who display a wealth of talent in different media including, oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, photography, printmaking & sculpture. The Gallery is also home for the CAG office. Hours: Daily, 11am-6pm. Contact: 843/722-2454 or at ([www.charlestonartistguild.com](http://www.charlestonartistguild.com)).



Henry Fenn, "Live Oak on the Ashley" 1880s, etching, from "Picturesque America"



Scott Varn, "Live Oak" ink wash

**City Gallery at Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Waterfront Park**, 34 Pringle Street, Charleston. **July 19 - Sept. 8** - "Preservation Through Art: Charleston," an exhibition that presents new interpretations by Charleston area artists of 150-year-old etchings of local vistas. A reception will be held on July 19 from 5-7pm, and an artist's talk on Aug. 10 at 2pm. Both events are free and open to the public. Imagine being an artist, asked to wander around America and paint any scene you found to be inspiring and picturesque; to create tales of adventure along with beautiful visuals to share with a nation recovering from the Civil War. This scenario became a reality in the late 1800s when Appleton Press employed prominent artists and writers to venture across the country in search of amazing natural and historic landmarks. Their stories and artwork resulted in the creation of a comprehensive travelogue publication known as Picturesque America. The artists and writers were captivated by the bountiful beauty they discovered and inadvertently became part of a new movement - one sparking the idea that we should protect these landmarks. For this exhibit, the artists have created new works to portray the original sites as they appear today. This "then and now" demonstrates if we have been good stewards of these natural and historic treasures. Hours: Wed.-Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 843/958-6484 or ([www.charleston-sc.gov/citygallery](http://www.charleston-sc.gov/citygallery)).

**Gallery By SEWE**, Shops at Charleston Place, 205 Meeting Street, Charleston. **Ongoing** - Gallery By SEWE is a new, brick-and-mortar extension of the annual Charleston event, The Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the southeast's premier wildlife art show and outdoors lifestyle event, is hosting a new art gallery and studio space in the Shops at Charleston Place. The gallery will become a year-round extension of SEWE's passion for the great outdoors and showcase the organization's mission to preserve wildlife art and support conservation. The gallery will feature wildlife art, artists and exhibitors and host artist residencies, special exhibitions and events. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 10am-6pm. For more

information, please call 843/278-4806 or visit ([gallerybysewe.com](http://gallerybysewe.com)).



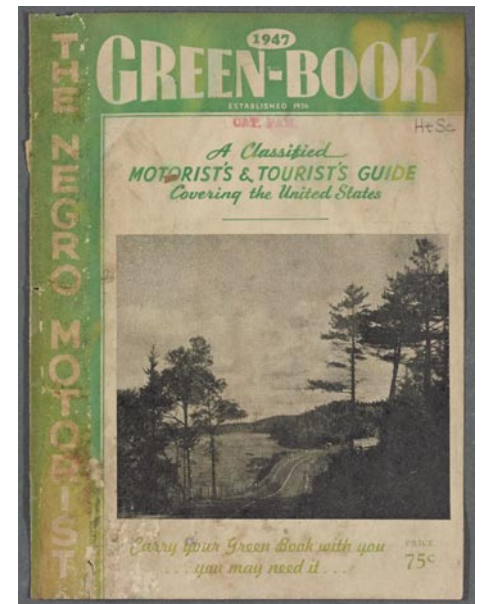
"Dear Dad", 2022, by Reynier Llanes (Cuban-American, b. 1985), Oil and mixed media on canvas, 60 x 40 inches. On loan courtesy of the collection of David and MaryEllen Rogers. Image ©Reynier Llanes.

**Gibbes Museum of Art**, 135 Meeting Street, Charleston. **Gallery 2 & 3, Through Aug. 18** - "Artist Spotlight: Merton D. Simpson and William M. Halsey". Focusing intently on small groups of works, the artist spotlight series features engaging profiles of artists held in the Gibbes permanent collection. The rotating series launched with Abstract Expressionist painters, Merton D. Simpson and William M. Halsey. Both artists born and raised in South Carolina had long and successful careers in the arts - Simpson in New York and Halsey in Charleston. **Galleries 8 & 9, Through Sept. 15** - "Reynier Llanes: Passages". The exhibition presents the vibrant narrative paintings of Reynier Llanes an established Cuban artist (Pinar del Rio, 1985) now based in the United States. Llanes combines and contrasts scenes from nature and daily life with a mystical and imaginative elegance. Drawing from his own memories and experience as an artist, an émigré, and an immigrant as well as his studies of literature, history, and science, Llanes's invites viewers into unique dreamworlds. His explorations of personal and societal passages, both physical and spiritual, sensitively communicate common threads in humanity. Currently living in Miami, Llanes spent 6 years working in Charleston. This exhibition pulls from the artist's recent series of large-scale oil paintings, as well as his unique coffee watercolor paintings - a style he has dubbed Espressionism.

**Galleries 1, 4, and 5, Permanent Exhibition** - "18th and 19th Century American Paintings and Sculpture". American paintings, from colonial portraits to Civil War-era landscapes, occupy the Gibbes Main Gallery. Portraits of leading political, social, and military figures include works by Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Benjamin West, Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Sully and Samuel F.B. Morse. The gallery also features landscape and genre scenes by Angelica Kaufmann, Louis Mignot, Eastman Johnson, Conrad Wise Chapman, and William Aiken Walker. The paintings collection is complemented by examples of neoclassical sculpture on view in the Campbell Rotunda, and decorative art objects on loan from the Rivers Collection. **Gallery 5, Permanent Exhibition** - "Miniature Portraits". The first American miniature portraits were painted in Charleston, and today the Gibbes is home to one of the most prestigious portrait miniature collections in the United States. Containing more than six hundred objects, the collection spans nearly two hundred years and represents the work of over a hundred artists. Small enough to fit in the palm of the hand, these tiny portraits were treasured remembrances of loved ones in the age before photography. Presented in state-of-the-art display cases, and in viewable storage drawers featured miniatures include works by Mary Roberts, Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Charles Wilson Peale, Pierre Henri, Edward Greene Malbone, George Engleheart, and Charles Fraser. **Gallery 6, Permanent Exhibition** - "20th Century American Regionalism and the Charleston Renaissance". At the turn of the twentieth century, American artists looked to their European counterparts and beyond as they developed identifiably American artistic movements. Two particularly strong influences during this time period were French Impressionism and Japanese woodblock prints. Another prevailing theme during this period was the growing interest in American subject matter. American regionalism and social realism played important roles in the development of art in Charleston, which flourished as a destination for artists, particularly during the years of 1915 to 1945 a period now known as the Charleston Renaissance. **Gallery 7, Permanent Exhibition** - "Modern and Contemporary". Modern and contemporary art in America encompasses a wide range of styles, subject matter, and media. As a whole, the diversity of modern and contemporary art reflects the rich and varied heritage of our nation and the lowcountry region. Works in this gallery were

created over the past forty years by artists who are native to the area, who have worked here, or who have created objects that reflect the complex story of the region. The works are grouped to reflect several themes including the southern landscape, the human figure, abstraction, and the legacy of slavery in America. **Museum Shop** - Now offering the inventory of the Tradd Street Press, reproductions of works by Elizabeth O'Neill Verner among other exhibit related art objects. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Admission: Yes. Contact: 843/722-2706 or at ([www.gibbesmuseum.org](http://www.gibbesmuseum.org)).

**Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art**, The Marion and Wayland H. Cato Jr. Center for the Arts, College of Charleston School of the Arts, 161 Calhoun St., Charleston. **Main Gallery & Exhibition Hall, Through July 20** - "Elisa Harkins: Teach Me A Song". Elisa Harkins's ongoing project, Teach Me a Song, builds on the artist's interests in translation, language preservation, and Indigenous musicology. The multifaceted work is structured on a series of exchanges, wherein she invites collaborators to teach her a song. With the recordings of these songs—which may be ceremonial, religious, rock & roll, electronic, etc.—Harkins's practice of nation to nation sharing and trading music is presented as a means of decolonizing traditions of Indigenous musicology. This exhibition is the first time the entirety of this project has been exhibited. **Through July 20** - "Spandita Malik: Meshes of Resistance". Spandita Malik is a visual artist from India who is currently based in New York. Her work is concerned with the current global socio-political state of affairs with an emphasis on women's rights and gendered violence. Malik specializes in process-based work in photography, recently with photographic surface embroideries and collaborations with women in India. Malik's work in expanded documentary and social practice consciously emanates from the idea of decolonizing the eye and aesthetic surrounding documentary photography of India. Hours: Mon. - Sat., 11am-4pm; until 7pm on Thur. and by appt. Contact: 843/953-4422 or at (<http://halsey.cofc.edu/exhibitions/>).



"The Negro Motorist Green Book: 1947" from The New York Public Library Digital Collections. 1947. Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division, The New York Public Library.

**International African American Museum**, 14 Wharfside Street, Charleston. **Through Nov. 3** - "Follow the North Star: Freedom in the Age of Mobility Throughout African American History". This exhibition portrays the destination of "freedom" as it proves to be an elusive location. The search for this "promised land" has taken many forms, including travel, migration, and imagination. "Follow the North Star: Freedom in the Age of Mobility," explores this multifaceted journey through three distinct perspectives: Transportation, The Great Migration, and Spirituality/Imagination. In this multi-media exhibition, visitors will learn about historic events related to African Americans' search for freedom, as well as lesser-known forms of escape, including folklore, storytelling, and metaphysical travel. From the Montgomery bus boycotts, to Afrofuturist visions of other planets, visitors will be encouraged to see the African American journey through a renewed lens, one of possibility and agency. **Ongoing** - The IAAM, which sits at the site of Gadsden's Wharf - one of the nation's most prolific former slave trading ports - includes nine core exhibition galleries and a special exhibition gallery, as well as a "floating" gallery that weaves contemporary art throughout the museum. The museum will open with more than 700 artifacts dating from 17th century to contemporary objects, alongside 1000 image and media collection pieces - all of which help connect the African American journey to its roots and connections to African and African Diaspora communities and cultures. The museum also houses the Center for Family History, a world-class genealogy and ancestry resource center, which began hosting genealogy classes and workshops in 2020. Admission: Yes. In an effort to increase access and decrease obstacles

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