

ClearWater Artist Studios in Concord, NC, Offers Annual Portrait Paint-Off - Mar. 10, 2018

ClearWater Artist Studios in Concord, NC, will present the 4th Annual Sun Drop Pound Cake Portrait Paint-Off, on Mar. 10, 2018, from 3-6pm, in its Main Gallery. The *Featured Painter Portraiture Show*, featuring the results of the Paint-Off will be on view from Mar. 10 through Apr. 6, 2018.

The 3-hour, afternoon event usually attracts 200 or so guests to watch painters take blank canvases to finished portraits, in just under 2 hours. Starting at noon, art studios throughout the building will be open with resident artists present and the Southern Piedmont Woodturners Association will hold turning demonstrations in their studio (#122).

"Featured Painters" this year are Felicia van Bork, Arthur Rogers, Todd Baxter, Martha Manco, and 'Emerging Artist,' 19-year old Tucker Fraetis.

The event challenges the "Featured Painters" as well as regional painters in the 2nd row, to complete a finished portrait from a sitting live model in just under 2 hours flat.

This year the Emcee will be Charlotte comedian and native, NuffCed, "The Ultimate Host." He will provide auditory entertainment, call painting times, and compose improvised poetry with help from the audience. Refreshments will include fresh Sun Drop Pound Cakes (baked by The Sweet Life bakery in Concord), homemade chips and salsa, courtesy



Works by Todd Baxter

of 2 Gals Kitchen in Concord; and Sun Drop soda. Members of Concord's Youth Council will once again assist as event volunteers.

The works in the Featured Painter Portraiture Show may be augmented by any '5-minute portraits' completed during the event that are not sold off immediately.

Spaces at ClearWater are available to rent for private events.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Studios at 704/784-9535 or visit (www.clearwaterartists.com).

Arts Council of York County in Rock Hill, SC, Features Youth Art Month Exhibition

The Arts Council of York County and Rock Hill Schools present the annual *Teachers' Choice Youth Art Exhibition*, featuring selected artwork by Rock Hill students from high, middle, and elementary schools. This exhibition has been created in honor of Youth Art Month, and will be on display in all three galleries at the Center for the Arts, in Rock Hill, SC, on view through Mar. 16, 2018. A free, public reception will be held on Mar. 8, beginning at 5:30pm, during which awards will be presented to the best in mixed media, painting, drawing, and sculpture at the high school and middle school levels.

The exhibit features works by students enrolled in schools within the Rock Hill Schools. Artwork by students at Northwestern High School, Rock Hill High School, and South Pointe High School is on exhibition in the Dalton Gallery. In the Perimeter Gallery, artwork by students from Castle Heights, Dutchman Creek, Rawlinson Road, Saluda Trail, and Sullivan Middle Schools is on display. Students from sixteen elementary schools have artwork on exhibition including Belleview, Ebenezer Avenue, Ebinport, Finley Road, Independence, India Hook, Lesslie, Mount Gallant, Mount Holly, Northside School of the Arts, Oakdale, Old Pointe, Richmond Drive, Rosewood, Sunset Park, and York Road Elementary Schools.

R. Scot Hockman serves as juror for the 2018 exhibit, judging the high school and middle school exhibitions. Hockman has been a leader in South Carolina's arts education community for more than 38 years as a middle school art teacher, as a writer and facilitator of state academic standards and curriculum guides, and as the Education Associate for the Visual and Performing Arts at the South Carolina Department of Education. He has served as

president of the South Carolina Art Education Association as well as the South Carolina Alliance for Arts Education.

Hockman was a writer of the 2003 South Carolina Visual Arts Curriculum Standards and Curriculum Guide. Numerous national organizations have tapped his expertise to inform nationwide programs and decision-making, including the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, US Department of Education, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, States Education Agencies Directors of Arts Education, National Coalition for Core Arts Standards and the Arkansas Arts Council.

In 2003, Hockman was recognized as the National Arts Education Association Middle Level Art Educator of the Year. In addition, he received the Teacher of the Year Award from the South Carolina Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Outstanding Professional Accomplishment Award from the South Carolina Consortium for Gifted Education, Piccolo Spoleto Special Recognition Award, the Columbia Museum of Art Mac Arthur Goodwin Award, and the Dance Advocacy Award from the South Carolina Dance Association.

The Center for the Arts is located on East Main Street, in the Cultural District of Downtown Rock Hill.

The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized cultural district. The Arts Council of York County connects people through art, culture, dance, drama, film & music with a vision to create and support a thriving, diverse, and vibrant community in York County, SC.

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