

Editorial COMMENTARY

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Quick - to Lake City, SC

Once you finish reading this commentary - if you haven't already been to Lake City, SC, to visit ArtFields© 2015 - drop everything else and head to this exhibit/competition. You still have time to see it.

It's hard to think that it can just keep getting better, but that's what seems to be happening. The cream at the top of every visual art community around the Southeast is slowly hearing about ArtFields@ and responding to its call for art.

Snubbed by the SC Arts Commission

It's something I'm used to in my 28 years, but I bet it's a pain in the rear for the folks in Lake City. It seems like they just can't get any respect from the SC Arts Commission.

During one of South Carolina's biggest visual art events I went over to see what the SC Arts Commission had posted on The Hub - "Your source for the arts in South Carolina & beyond", but I didn't see anything there posted about ArtFields©.

In fact this problem has come up before when the Jones-Carter Gallery was hosting a major show of works by Goya in Lake City. The folks in Lake City seem to have a problem getting the announcements they send into The Hub posted.

You see, the Arts Commission "curates" The Hub - meaning they control what gets posted there.

This statement is posted on their page: "The Hub & Arts Daily are curated by the SC Arts Commission, and we are always looking for the latest arts news in your area. We would love for you to submit your arts stories." But that doesn't seem to be working for the folks offering art in Lake City. I wonder why.

Could it be that the folks in Lake City who are transforming this tired farming community into an arts hub haven't let the Arts Commission come in and ride their coattails to glory? Who knows, but it's a darn shame that they are denying folks who follow The Hub news about ArtFields©. Well, maybe it's not that big a deal as there is not much posted there to begin with - so I doubt many people use it as their go-to spot for arts info. But, still...

Spoletto Festival & Piccolo Spoletto Festival Visual Arts

Once again the Spoletto Festival is offering nothing more than its official poster and we only got notification of a few of the visual art offerings taking place during Piccolo Spoletto.

We'll receive something about them for our June issue to post, but by then - most of the exhibits will soon be over. It would be nice to get something ahead of time for once.

The North Charleston Arts Festival doesn't seem to have any problem getting us info about their exhibits ahead of deadline. What's with the folks in Charleston?

We have info about the two outdoor shows in Wragg Square and Marion Square, but that's about it. And, that's because other people - other than the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs - organize these shows.

What is it about political arts agencies that don't want to keep us informed so we can inform you? I don't think I'm getting my tax-dollar's worth out of their service or lack there of. Are you?

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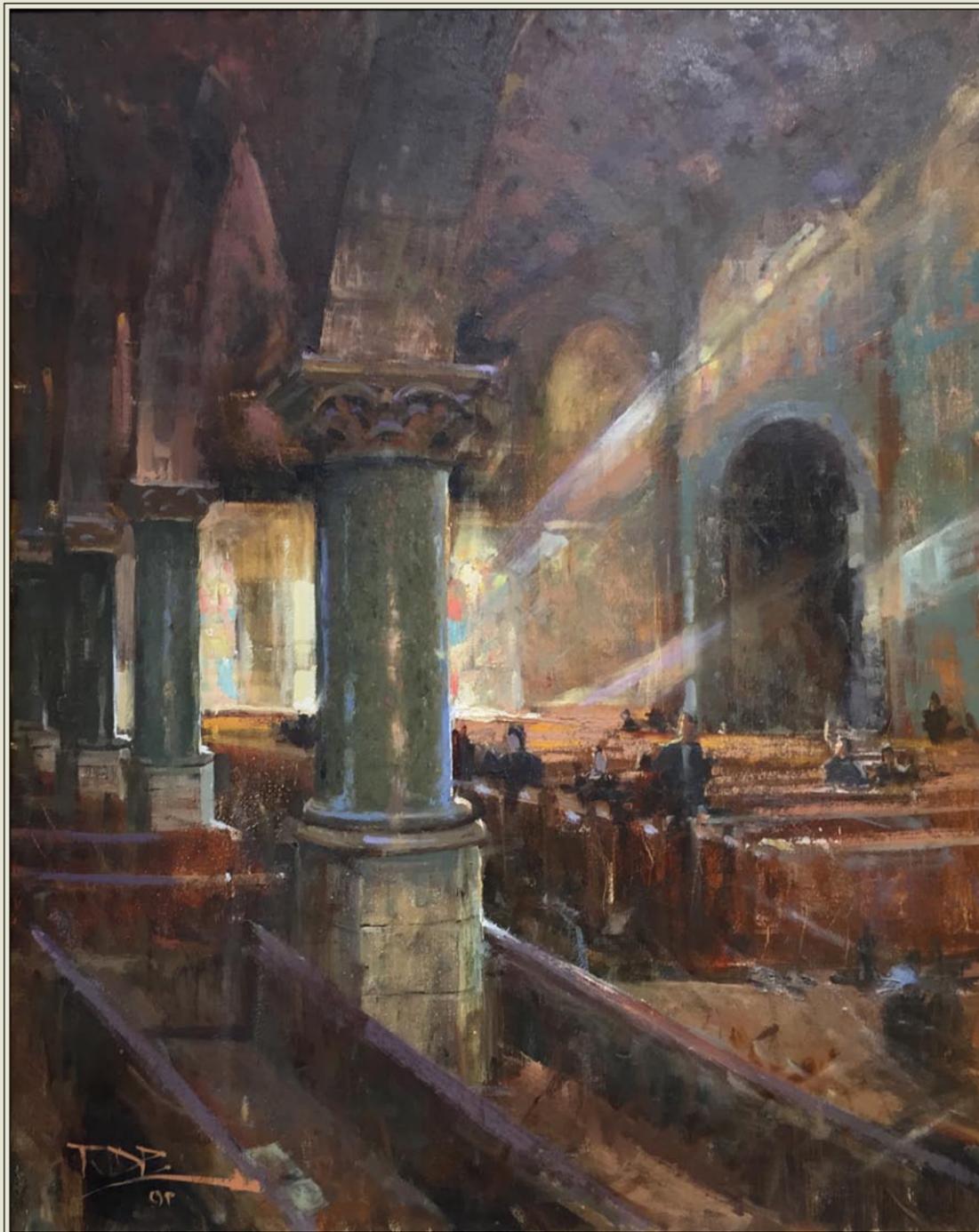
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