



## Arts Council of York County

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powerful connection between black-and-white portraiture and the music scene, capturing the unique energy and soul of the music world through his lens.

Jeff Howlett is a multidisciplinary artist whose career spans music, film, and photography. A former vocalist and songwriter with the bands Five Seconds Expired and Non Compos, both of which gained national recognition, Howlett's deep roots in the music world inform his photographic work. His portraits explore not only the individuality of musicians but also the collective energy of the music scene itself, offering a visual narrative that speaks to both the artist and the audience.

The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized



Work by Jeff Howlett

cultural district.

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## Koger Center for the Arts in Columbia, SC, Features Works by Toni M. Elkins

The University of South Carolina's Koger Center for the Arts in Columbia, SC, in conjunction with the Jasper Project, will present, Feb. 20 - March 19, 2025, on view in The Nook, 2nd Floor Rotating Gallery, *Remembering Three*, featuring works by Toni M. Elkins, NWS, WHS. A reception will be held on Feb. 20, from 5:30-7pm.

Elkins offered the following statement, "It is only through memories that our past can remain alive. We must remember only the good so that our lives are continually enriched by the images we float in our thoughts and dreams. This exhibition required two years and continuous hours to recreate. It is my desire and hope that my memories will create happy thoughts in your minds. Thus, through these art works, the sadness and finality of death might take on a deeper meaning. The works have



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surely become therapy for me".

Elkins, originally from Georgia, attended Boston University and University of Georgia, before settling in Columbia, SC.

Elkins has been selected as a signature member of eighteen national societies including: the Nautilus Fellowship of The continued above on next column to the right



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Society of Experimental Artists, National Watercolor Society (California), and Watercolor USA Honor Society. She has won more than 160 national awards including: Best-of-Show in San Diego Watercolor and Top 10 in SC Watermedia Society Exhibition in 2015. In 1999, Governor Hodges awarded her with The Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for contributions to SC art.

Her paintings are included in permanent collections all over the USA: Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall Assembly Room/ New York, New York; Asheville Art Museum; Springfield Art Museum/Springfield Missouri; Randolph Macon Women's College/Lynchburg, Virginia; and Central Carolina Community Foundation/Columbia, South Carolina.

Elkins served as the Superintendent of Fine Art for the South Carolina State Fair in Columbia, for ten years. She also started the Facebook group, Artists Friends & Collectors, which now has over 3000 members and has sold over 60 works of art by Columbia area artists.

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