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City Art Gallery in Columbia, SC, Features Works by Dan Smith

City Art Gallery in Columbia, SC, will present *US: A Civil War*, Artwork by Dan Smith, on view from Oct. 15 through Jan. 1, 2016. A reception will be held on Oct. 15, from 5-8pm.

Smith's new body of work includes mixed media paintings, as well as photographs and installations inspired by the American Civil War. On May 15, 2014 the artist began his Civil War Travels throughout the United States visiting specific Civil War sites. Many of the sites presented 150 year-old re-enactments. Along with extensive reading, the sites became inspiration for Smith's artworks. Sites like Ft. Fisher in Wilmington, NC, the Shenandoah Valley of VA, Columbia, SC, Andersonville, GA, and Lookout Mountain, TN, inform much of the work.



"Shenandoah Jubal Early" by Dan Smith

In 1986, Smith received a graduate fellowship from the University of South Carolina and moved to Columbia to earn his MFA in Painting. The *US: A Civil War* show is a component of a larger collection of works organized chronologically under what Smith calls his *Extended Sites* collection, which incorporates the dichotomies of nature and man into an 'art ecology'. Previous exhibitions under the *Extended Sites* moniker were based on the English colonist John Smith of Jamestown, VA, fame, and the frontiersman Daniel Boone.



"Loco Motion" by Dan Smith

"My art is about death and life packed in with stories. Mathew Brady's story and work are woven into the *US: A Civil War* exhibition. Ultimately the show is about me and my associations with the Manland thesis I began at USC almost 30 years ago," said Smith.

The artist will continue his research for two additional Civil War exhibits in Newton and Sherrills Ford, NC, in 2016. Partial funding for these and his City Art Gallery exhibition were provided by a grant from the United Arts Council of Catawba County through the North Carolina Art Council with funding from the State of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts which believes a great nation deserves great art.

Smith's art has been featured in numerous exhibitions during the past 35 years including NYC, San Francisco, CA, Seattle, WA, Washington, DC, TX, FL, NM, VA, NC and the recent Artfields© competition in Lake City, SC. His artwork is included in collections throughout the US.

City Art Gallery is located on Lincoln Street in the historic Congaree Vista area in Columbia.

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