

West Main Artists Co-op

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west downtown Spartanburg. The nonprofit agency has the largest continuous collection of for-sale local art in the county, ranging in price from under \$5 to into the thousands. It contains galleries, retail areas, and common work areas for the artists, including a full letterpress and printmaking studio, a

fully functional ceramics studio, silk screen area, traditional photographic darkroom, a workshop room, and a stage area.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or visit (www.WestMainArtists.org).

University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC, Offers Works by Carl Gombert

The University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC, will present *Radiant Geometry*, featuring works by Carl Gombert, on view in the Curtis R. Harley Art Gallery, from Nov. 2 through Dec. 7, 2018. A reception will be held on Nov. 8, beginning at 4:30pm.

“These hand-stamped works rely on radial structure to explore complexity and pattern arising from the application of simple rules,” said Gombert. “They explore rotation and repetition as formal strategies and the patterns that emerge from the process. Taking the form of mandalas, they attempt to balance opposites, relying equally on dark and light and on positive and negative shapes.”

Gombert has exhibited in more than 250 exhibitions across the US and abroad and his work is in nine museum collections as well as numerous collegiate and corporate collections.

Gombert earned a BFA in drawing from the University of Akron and an MFA in painting from Kent State University. He worked as a stagehand before earning a PhD in interdisciplinary fine arts at Texas Tech University. He has taught painting, drawing, and art history at Maryville College in Tennessee since 1993.

According to USC Upstate University Gallery Director Jane Nodine, “Carl Gombert’s paintings will appeal to a wide variety of viewers through his bold color



Work by Carl Gombert

palette and intricate stamped patterns that create large mandalas. Typically, spiritual and ritual symbols in Hinduism and Buddhism representing the universe, mandalas have a rich history in art and cross boundaries both culturally and geographically.”

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University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC, Features Works by Kahran and Regis Bethencourt

The University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC, will present *Empowerment Through the Lens of AfroArt*, featuring an exhibition by Atlanta-based CreativeSoul Photography, Kahran and Regis Bethencourt, on view at the UPSTATE Gallery on Main, from Nov. 8 through Dec. 29, 2018. A reception will be held on Nov. 15, from 5-8pm, during the Spartanburg ArtWalk.

World renowned child photographers, Kahran and Regis Bethencourt are a wife and husband duo and the imaginative forces behind Creative Soul Photography. Their *AfroArt* series, which showcases the natural hair of young girls in period-piece clothing, went viral after celebrities like Alicia Keys, Common, Taraji P. Henson, Morris Chestnut, and Tia Mowry praised the collection on social media. This led to their work, which showcases the natural hair of young girls in period-piece clothing, was conceived as a way to inspire girls to love both their hair and themselves, being featured on BBC News, CNN, CBS National News, Teen Vogue, Glamour Brazil, and BET.

“The purpose of this series is to illustrate the story of our royal past, celebrate the glory of the here and now, and even dare to forecast the future,” said Kahran Bethencourt. “With this series, we aim to empower children of color to embrace their natural curls and the skin that they’re in.”

According to USC Upstate University Gallery Director Jane Nodine, “We are excited to bring this exhibition to Spartanburg and share these beautiful baroque-like images celebrating the heritage of children of color. Regis and Kahran’s work is so much in demand with their busy international



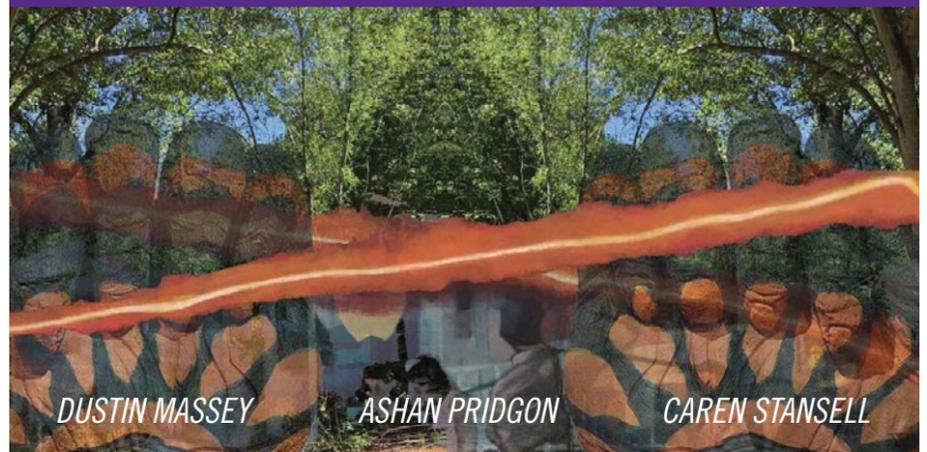
Work by CreativeSoul Photography

travel, it was fortunate we could schedule the exhibit and have them visit during the opening reception on Nov. 15.”

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Christmas in the City Meets Red Rose Holiday Tour in Lancaster, SC

Hold on to your toboggans and grab your reindeer reins, when the Red Rose City, Lancaster, SC, ushers in the holiday season with a flurry of fun in the Cultural Arts District on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018. From north to south, east to west, and all points in between, holiday revelers will be transported throughout historic downtown Lancaster by old-fashioned trolley cars. Hop aboard and disembark at Santa’s Workshop, Winter Block Party, Historic Springs House, L & C Railway Museum, Native American Studies Center, and local businesses hosting Holiday Open Houses.

From 10am until 4pm, scenes in downtown Lancaster will be reminiscent of the North Pole, with Santa visits and letter drop-off at City Hall where Sugar Plum Fairies play amidst delectable Gingerbread Houses competing for prizes. At Santa’s Workshop, the little ones will be captivated with crafts and ornament making, face painting, and a winter wonderland carousel. Older children and teens will be busy with plenty of free games, while everyone’s favorite characters lead activities, mingle, and pose for photos. Don’t be surprised if you see the Gingerbread Man, Santa’s Elves, and Grinch enjoying the festivities with Lancaster’s very own Rosie Rabbit.

When all of this holiday excitement makes you work up an appetite, head to downtown restaurants or round up the family and head to the Winter Block Party for outdoor dining at the Food Truck Food Court, where live on-stage performances include the cast of “Eb Scrooge”. The stage is located in the City Hall parking lot, where shoppers will enjoy perusing the aisles of outdoor vendor tents, shopping for just the right gift for everyone on their holiday shopping lists. Local and regional artists will be selling one-of-a-kind, unique gifts for everyone on your gift-giving list.

Train enthusiasts, history-lovers, and children of all ages will clamor to trolleys making a stop at the L & C Railway

Museum and children will be treated to free gingerbread-themed ornaments while they last. The Historic Springs House will also be a favorite stop for history buffs, as well as art collectors. The 1800’s home will be decorated to the hilt and visitors will enjoy holiday refreshments, artisans gift gallery, live music, special exhibits, jewelry trunk show, book signings, and local artisans with plenty of original artworks to choose from.

A short hop, skip, and jump to the Native American Studies Center will land you in the middle of an annual Native American Arts and Crafts Show and Sale. Spend a little time in the galleries to enjoy new exhibits in this unique Main Street location that boasts the world’s largest collection of Catawba pottery and artifacts. Native American artists will be on hand selling traditional arts and crafts and demonstrating techniques.

Local businesses are joining in the holiday fun with open houses throughout downtown. Bob Doster’s Backstreet Studio is planning a day of “Metal, Mimosas, & Merriment”, featuring works by Soda City favorites, “3Crow”, alongside Doster’s popular metal sculptures. Ray’s Flowers, The Preppy Pineapple, Purple Rooster Gift Shop, Women’s Enrichment Center Lotus Boutique and Design, Blackstone Massage, and The Shops on Main are opening their doors to shoppers with lots of holiday specials. Expect to find refreshments, seasonal sales, prize drawings, and more to make your holiday season merry and bright!

Hop in the car to visit Piedmont Folk Art Show, where you’ll find folk artists from throughout the Southeast. Cap off this perfect day of holiday revelry at the “FurBall” to benefit Lancaster SPCA or see a live performance of “Eb Scrooge” by Lancaster Community Playhouse at Barr Street Auditorium.

The events of December 1st are featured as part of a countywide promotion of

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