

Sumter County Gallery of Arts

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City Art in Columbia, SC, Features Works by Alicia Leeke

City Art in Columbia, SC, is presenting an exhibit of landscape paintings by Alicia Leeke, on view through Nov. 17, 2019.

These contemporary landscapes incorporate a variety of mark-making that range from textural works on canvas to soft atmospheric works of art leaving the viewer's imagination to finish the painting.

Most art viewers love to look at paintings from about 16 inches from the wall, but Leeke encourages viewing her paintings both up close and from several feet back as you would view a large Monet, Van Gogh or Joan Mitchell work of art in a museum.

Leeke who is right-handed, had to paint some of the works with assistance from her left hand in order to complete some of the paintings when tendonitis flared up just before finishing up the final touches for the show.



Work by Alicia Leeke

and actually tried it to see if it would help," but adds the best thing was to take a long break.

In fact, two weeks prior to the show she forced herself to pack the car and her art dog Lucy to see her friend's new home in Georgetown. It was the only way she could actually see herself stop painting long enough to make the swelling in her hand go down. Other days she would alternate using ice, Epsom salt and two braces: one on her hand and the other on her elbow to determine which method worked best to improve the tendonitis and continue painting.

Leeke also teaches Introductory and Intermediate Painting as well as Introduction to Abstract Painting and Collage classes.

City Art is located directly across from the back side of the Blue Marlin restaurant.

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Work by Alicia Leeke

pushed her work mentally and physically by trying to paint from scratch with the opposite hand. According to Leeke, "Rumor has it that French Impressionist painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir, tied brushes to his hands to paint as a result of rheumatoid arthritis. Rumor or not, I thought it was worth a shot

City Art Gallery in Columbia, SC, Offers Works by Max Miller for Vista Lights

City Art Gallery in Columbia, SC, will present *Out Of The Wilderness*, featuring works by Max Miller, on view from Nov. 21 through Dec. 31, 2019. An opening reception will be held during Vista Lights, Columbia's kick off of the holiday season, Nov. 21, from 5-9pm.

The insight and singularity of Millers work will both enchant you and create admiration for his proficiency. These are not merely pretty paintings as they cause the viewer to revel in the unexpected qualities of his composition, subject, and depth of thought in their creation. We encourage you to visit City Art Gallery for a truly enlightening look at Max Miller.

"As an artist I use my art to illuminate rather than to obfuscate. This is true no matter what medium my muses guide me toward. Through constant work over the past eighteen years I have learned to push past self-imposed plateaus and to go full force into whatever interests I have artistically, always eschewing style for internal revelation instead," says Miller. "My proclivities forever lead me towards realistic art featuring figures, narratives, and symbolism, and this is where I pleasantly tread the line between comfortable and challenged. The function of artist as a communicator is timeless; and the ability to artfully represent what resides in the mind is a powerful, and necessary role. I sincerely believe in the creation of the illusion of three-dimensional space on a flat surface as one of the true magical achievements of humanity."

"The body of work on display in *Out Of*



Work by Max Miller

The Wilderness represents a collection of paintings spanning the past five years," adds Miller. "This has been a transformative time for me as I've taken on the responsibilities of parenthood and grown into a fully self-sufficient professional artist held in a diverse and broad group of public and private collections. The 'wilderness' denoted here is emblematic of the failings of young adulthood, the unsure paths of burgeoning artistry, and the unsteady directions a creative life can take one. For once I feel I've forged a rudder out of my talents to set me on a straight and true path, leaving the wilderness behind for civilization at last."

City Art Gallery is located on Lincoln Street in the historic Congaree Vista area in Columbia, SC. City Art is more than an art gallery. We have a full line artist supply

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CITY ART

Max Miller



"Granddaddy's Tree"

(24 x 36)

"Out Of The Wilderness"

An opening reception will be held during Vista Lights Thursday November 21, 5 – 9 pm

Exhibition remains on display through 2019

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