

# Charleston Artist Guild

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hope is that it will be pleasing to others.”  
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## City of North Charleston, SC, Features Works by Rolf Anthony Young and Sumaya Florez

The City of North Charleston’s Cultural Arts Department in North Charleston, SC, will present concurrent exhibitions featuring works by, James Island artists, Rolf Anthony Young and Sumaya Florez, on view in the Park Circle Gallery, from Feb. 1 - 24, 2024. A reception will be held on Feb. 2, from 5-7pm.

*don't lose hope*, featuring mixed media works by Rolf Anthony Young is a deep, introspective art exhibition. Throughout the last 20 years, he has been working in different mediums, building a deep catalogue of abstract artworks. “My artistic practice is built upon experimenting with materials within my artwork,” Anthony Young explains. “I like to test out any idea that comes to my mind. I do not limit myself. I believe any material can submit to the desire of the artist, if the artist is willing to allow the unexpected to occur.”

*don't lose hope* focuses on works that speak to the question: “What art does Anthony Young make?” The exhibition is also a call to action for those who may have “lost” their way in art making. The artist aims to inspire viewers to return to art making, or even better, encourage those who have never made art to begin creating.

Rolf Anthony Young was born in Vienna, Austria, and lived in London, New York City, Connecticut, and South Carolina as a young child. He spent his formative years in Reston, VA, and went on to study fine arts at Virginia Commonwealth University where he earned a BFA in Sculpture & Extended Media. He moved to Charleston, SC, in 2002, where he used his art skills to build a professional career as a graphic designer and drafter. It was not until 2016, while living in Los Angeles, CA, that his passion for art making was reborn.



Work by Rolf Anthony Young

After four years in LA, Anthony Young moved back to Charleston in 2019, and currently is invested in making art, designing apparel, and working on this event series called, *This is Happening*. Anthony Young has exhibited in Northern and Southern California; Raleigh, NC, and the Lowcountry of South Carolina. His artwork is featured in publications such as *APERIO*, *Artistonish*, and *Circle Quarterly Art Review Magazine*. He received a 2023 Emerging Artist Grant



Work by Sumaya Florez

from the South Carolina Arts Commission was also accepted into their Artist Entrepreneur Incubator workshop program. Anthony Young is the founder of ROLF Fashion, an apparel company, an event series called, *This is Happening*, and ROLF Artist Consulting, a professional consulting firm for artists.

In *One Pueblo: Keys to Harmony*, Sumaya Florez presents a collection of drawings and paintings that focus on a mixture of realism and magical realism, depicting environments and elements originating from her beautiful and beloved homeland of Venezuela. Her works focus on still-life and genre art that portrays people with vintage and classical components. She also explores Catholic imagery that calls to mind classical High Renaissance depictions of the Madonna and Child and Christ iconography, each with a twist that is unmistakably her own. A unique signature that is consistently found throughout Sumaya’s works is the inclusion of a key. “This key is an homage to my Guardian Angel and a unique signature,” Florez explains. Inspired by ideals of a peaceful, close-knit society, she strives to spread messages of peace, hope and joy through her art.

Originally from Maracaibo, the second largest city in Venezuela, Sumaya Florez uses her art to reminisce about the city she knew in her youth – one full of vibrance, warmth, peace, and promise, far removed from the Maracaibo that exists today due to the political unrest in Venezuela. Since childhood, she held a deep passion for all forms of art but chose to pursue her love of service, graduating first as a Medical Doctor from the University of Zulia in Venezuela and then as a Master of Public Health at the University of Miami.

In 2013, Florez finally made the decision to dedicate herself to the arts. She began exhibiting her paintings and drawings in 2015 and has continued to display her work in Florida and the Lowcountry ever since.

The Park Circle Gallery is located on Jenkins Avenue in North Charleston. Admission is free and free street parking is available on Jenkins Avenue in front of the gallery, as well as on the adjacent streets and in parking lots close by.

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## 2024 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition has Year-round Art Gallery in the Shops at Charleston Place

Gallery by Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE), is a new, brick-and-mortar extension of the annual Charleston event.

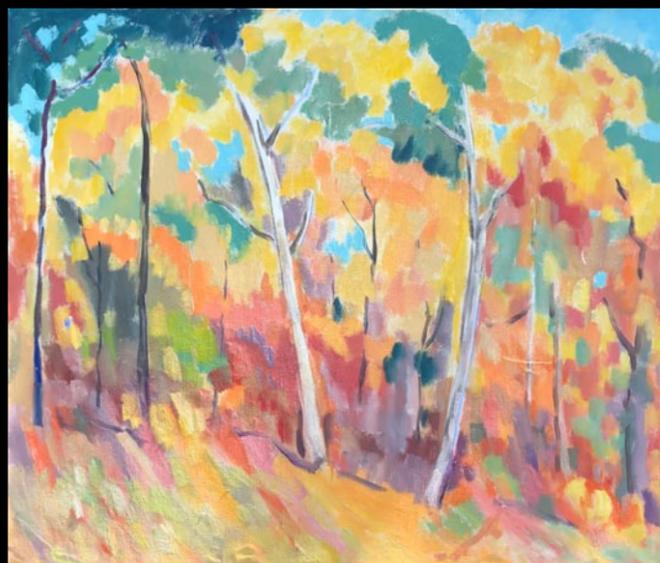
The Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the southeast’s premier wildlife art show and outdoors lifestyle event, has opened a new art gallery and studio space in the Shops at Charleston Place (205 Meet-

ing Street). The gallery is a year-round extension of SEWE’s passion for the great outdoors and showcase the organization’s mission to preserve wildlife art and support conservation. The gallery features wildlife art, artists and exhibitors and host artist residencies, special exhibitions and events.

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