

Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington, NC, Features Works by Stephen Hayes

The Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington, NC, will present *Stephen Hayes: Voices of Future's Past*, on view from Nov. 13 through Mar. 20, 2022.

Born in Durham, NC, Hayes is the 2020 recipient of the 1858 Contemporary Southern Art Prize. He is a creator who works with a variety of mediums – sculpture, casting, knitting, woodcuts, video, and audio – to explore issues of race and economics in the United States. The installation, *Cash Crop* features 15 life-size concrete statues chained to a pallet, representing the 15 million people who were transported as slaves from Africa to America.

Voices of Future's Past explores the legacy of growing up black in America. The works invite the viewer to participate, bringing a new depth to the experience of viewing art. In the *Cash Crop* installation, viewers walk between the figures, stepping over iron chains, connecting with the human experience of the atrocity of the transatlantic slave trade. *Voices of Future's Past* allows visitors to listen to the voices of young black men describing their experiences while looking at the face of an adult.

Hayes writes, "Like the works of contemporary American artist such as Willie Cole or Radcliffe Bailey, my work centers around finding beauty and understanding between myself, as a black male artist, and the nature of the object. My work fuses the past and the present, generally based on sociocultural and economic themes, highlighting American history as it relates to race, identity, and stereotypes in the areas of capitalism, commodification of beings, and the subsequent effects of cultural representation."

On CAM's grounds, the first figura-



Work by Stephen Hayes

tive representation of African Americans, entitled *Boundless* in the Cape Fear region will be installed. Hayes has cast United States Colored Troops (USCT) descendants, USCT re-enactors, military veterans, and community members to be a part of this new work of art. This project will promote social change by illuminating this little-known story of African American freedom fighters that will provide a counterpoint to the narrative of the Civil War told by the built environment of the entire South.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Museum at 910/395-5999 or visit (www.cameronartmuseum.org).

Art in Bloom Gallery in Wilmington, NC, Features Works by Jeff Chase

Art in Bloom Gallery in Wilmington, NC, is presenting *Jeff Chase: Night*, guest photographer, on view through Jan. 9, 2022.

Night features the work of Jeff Chase, photographer and painter who lives in Wilmington, NC. This body of work continues an ongoing theme...capturing a moment in time gone unnoticed by others.

Chase states that, "Photography has been a passion for me since I got my first camera at age 6. It was a Brownie Box Camera which introduced me to the idea of capturing a moment in time which, most likely, no one else saw. At age 14, I set up my own darkroom and would spend hours trying to edit and perfect what I had seen through the camera's lens. In high school and in college I furthered my education by taking all the photography classes available."

"Once digital photography became the norm, I continued to advance my skills by learning Photoshop and Adobe Lightroom," adds Chase. "These tools have furthered the way photographers can use their photos to 'paint' imagery that they saw in their mind's eye, images that were only imagined while looking through the lens of a camera. This level of advancement has opened a new world for me, allowing me to not only capture images but also to interpret what I see. However, after all these years, I am still after the same thing – trying to capture a moment in time that has gone unnoticed by anyone else. It is truly a passion that will keep me fascinated the rest of my life."



Work by Jeff Chase

Along with this exhibit will be the *The Holiday Art Exhibit + Sale* with over 30 of Art in Bloom Gallery's Artists! Feast your eyes on new work directly out of the artists' studios. Shop for meaningful, original and special gifts of art that will bring smiles all year round!

If you prefer to shop from home the Art in Bloom Gallery Website (www.aibgallery.com) is always open! Purchase art online and pick up at the door or take advantage of our free local delivery. Plus we can also ship anywhere within the US. Art in Bloom also offers complimentary gift wrapping and extended Holiday shopping hours.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 484/885-3037 or at (<https://aibgallery.com/>).

Arts Council of Fayetteville / Cumberland County in Fayetteville, NC, Offers Works by Artist Educators

In celebration of Arts In Education, Elington-White Community Development Corporation (EWCDC) presents the third annual *Artists Who Teach 2021: National Arts Education Exhibition* on display now through Dec. 11, 2021, at The Arts Center

located in downtown Fayetteville, NC.

With support from the Arts Council of Fayetteville / Cumberland County, the national juried competition displays over fifty artworks from current and former

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Seeking submissions at the Winterfest Artisan Market held on Dec. 3,4,5, 2021 at the Commons, 100 Recreation Lane, Jacksonville, NC. This competition is open to all artists, all media and all skill levels. Winners are determined by visitors votes.



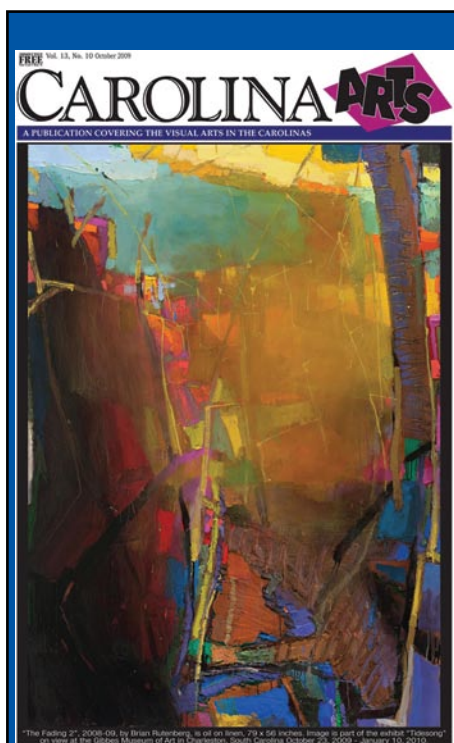
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