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Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus hosts senior visual art exhibition “Dichotomy” beginning Oct. 22

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“Dichotomy,” an upcoming senior art show on the Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus in Savannah, will feature the work of three graduating seniors, Darian Merritt, William Wright and Eric Sanders, at the Fine Arts Gallery Oct. 22 through Nov. 2. A closing reception will be held Nov. 2 from 5:30-7 p.m. The gallery and reception are both free and open to the public.

The work represents the culmination of undergraduate studies, the development of technical ability and a refinement of communication through artistic expression through a cohesive body of work. These three artists use a vast array of media to create a juxtaposition of subject matter that initially may appear radically different yet are far more connected than they appear.

The spirit of “Dichotomy” that unites these three artists is a desire to reveal the connections that bind even the most different of thoughts and emotions. The show’s overall intent is to present three different perspectives into looking beyond stereotypes, blanket statements and unyielding perceptions in order to dig deeper than face value.

“Lost and Found” by Merritt delves into feelings of chaos and inner calm that fully awakens for the artist within the seclusion of the darkroom; “Vices and Virtues” by Wright explores the complexities of his childhood experience with the Christian faith as well as the evolution of his religious beliefs that govern his interpersonal relationships; and “Whimsy and War” by Sanders exposes a duality in influence and inspiration that have shaped him.

A raffle will be held during the show’s reception on Nov. 2, in which each artist will donate one piece of art exhibited in the show. All proceeds will go to Warrior Art, a nonprofit organization that assists military veterans dealing with PTSD through creativity.

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Senior gallery exhibition “Beyond the Surface” coming to Armstrong Campus

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The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art will be asking viewers to take a deeper look into its upcoming senior exhibition, “Beyond the Surface,” which runs weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1 through Friday, Oct. 12 at the Fine Arts Gallery located in Fine Arts Hall on the Armstrong Campus.

“Beyond the Surface” features the work of students Mercedes Warren, Amanda Austin and Tyeisha Jenkins. The artists encourage viewers to look beyond surface appearances, which can often be misleading.

Warren’s art prompts the viewer to examine uncomfortable truths about the world around them.

“Mental and spiritual growth does not come from comfort and routine,” she said. “They emerge when we face our toughest challenges and sometimes ugly truths.”

Austin’s work uses abstract visuals and textures to portray emotional feelings. Her work consists of paintings on both canvas and acrylic.

“I create texture paintings to physically and metaphorically project the personality of the paintings to the viewer,” she said.

Each artist brings their unique creative styles and interpretations together to share their vision of the ordinary world around them in an extraordinary way.

A reception and artist talk will be held at the Gallery on Friday, Oct. 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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Senior art exhibition to showcase variety of styles on Armstrong Campus

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Art can be expressed in many different forms, and that versatility will be on full display Nov. 12 through 30 during GAMUT, a senior exhibition on the Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus in Savannah.

GAMUT features the work of student artists Kathryn Percival, Anthony Caracci, Hannah Moore and Antonio Singleton and will present pieces consisting of acrylic paintings on glass, Raku sculpture and pottery, comics, artist's merchandise, and an imaginative café setting.

One corner of the gallery will exhibit the design work of Percival's immersive café environment, complete with the branded material of an imaginative establishment titled “The Bombastic Kit•Tea Cat Café.” Its imagery and aesthetics are intended to be reminiscent of the Victorian/Edwardian lithographic poster era and aims to reinforce the playful whimsy and novelty of the cat café.

The floor space will exhibit the sculpture and wheel-thrown pottery of Caracci. Pedestals will showcase his favored Raku fired techniques in ceramics.

“Seasons” by Moore consists of acrylic paintings of natural landscapes on a glass surface, which are exhibited in a manner that shifts the viewer’s perspective.

Singleton’s “Discovery” shows the process of creating a brand and style for illustration design. It showcases sections from his sketchbook as well as the digital process of creating illustration brand style. The goal is to show an illustrator’s behind the scenes process from conception to final designs.

The gallery will be open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a reception is scheduled for 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 30, with a brief talk by the artists at 6 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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All Fired Up: Holiday Exhibition and Sale in Downtown Statesboro

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Join the Averitt Center for the Arts and the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) for the All Fired Up Holiday Exhibition and Sale!

November 29, Thursday: 4 – 8 p.m.
November 30, Friday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
December 1, Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Student Made has joined Averitt Center for the Art’s All Fired Up to provide students the opportunity to showcase and sell their artwork. The sale features handmade ceramics, jewelry and fine arts by Georgia Southern students as well as Averitt Center Visual Arts faculty, students and friends.

The sale is located at the Roxie Remley Center for Fine Art (29 East Vine Street) in Downtown Statesboro.

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