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Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum's Fall 2021 Exhibitions to Open on September 10

Exhibitions to Feature Works from International and Local Visionary Art Leaders

July 27, **2021 (Mesa, AZ)** – Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum announced its fall 2021 exhibitions, featuring major solo and group displays by internationally renowned visionary art leaders.

The fall exhibitions center on the contemporary visionary art movement and feature the vibrant, transcending work of international artists Alex Grey & Allyson Grey. Other highlights include the visionary international exhibition *Divine Paradigm*, the mystical paintings of Colorado artist Amanda Sage and the hauntingly sublime work of local creative Wiley Wallace. The fall exhibits premiere alongside the Mesa Arts Center's Season Kickoff Festival on September 10, 2021.

Divine Paradigm Contemporary Visionary Art September 10 – November 28, 2021

Through mystical and spiritual themes, Visionary Art transcends our physical realm and vividly conceptualizes a sublime state of consciousness. This exhibition brings together 16 national and international Visionary artists, who use a variety of mediums and subject matter to capture their own journey toward a deeper understanding and awareness. From sculpted mushroom embellished deities to dreamlike mandala paintings to metaphysical nods to nature through calligraphic writing, these forms of creative expression encompass a broad range of perspectives and provide new lenses for seeing a higher reality.

Featured Artists Include:

Orlando Allison (Sacaton, AZ)
Marco Albarran (Mesa, AZ)
Kelsey Brookes (Los Angeles, CA)
Michael Campbell (San Francisco, CA)
CRYPTIK (Los Angeles, CA)
Daniel Martin Diaz (Tucson, AZ)

Chris Dyer (Montreal, Canada)
Martina Hoffmann (Lyon, France)
Andrew "Android" Jones (Lyons, CO)
Kyllan Maney (Phoenix, AZ)
Ben Ridgeway (San Francisco, CA)
Reynaldo Christopher Surposa (Wheat Ridge, CO)
Jen Stark (Los Angeles, CA)
Krystleyez (Milwaukee, WI)
Beth Ames Swartz (Paradise Valley, AZ)
Peter Westermann (Denver, CO)

The Beyond Within Alex Grey & Allyson Grey September 10, 2021 – January 23, 2022

The paintings of Alex Grey & Allyson Grey were inspired by psychedelic mystical experiences of the 1970's. Their trailblazing work has empowered the field of Visionary Art, a worldwide movement of artists committed to transcribing glimpses of *The Beyond Within*. For forty-six years, the Grey's have shared a studio and produced art both collaboratively and independently. This exhibition represents a spectrum of work selected from phases of their explorations in painting, 3-dimensional art, animation and multi-media social sculpture.

Vision Seeds Amanda Sage Sept 10, 2021 – Jan 16, 2022

Colorado artist, Amanda Sage, is known for her transformative narratives that explore inter-dimensional realms of possibility. Based on early Renaissance painting techniques that were revived by Austrian Fantastic Realists during the 1950s, Sage's paintings push the limits of transparency, reanimating the medium while catalyzing a contemporary rebirth. This exhibition highlights works from the last ten years and provides a provocative vision for a more symbiotic relationship between earthly and spiritual planes.

Lucid Fate Wiley Wallace

September 10, 2021 – January 2, 2022

Phoenix painter Wiley Wallace creates luminous and ostensibly radioactive worlds intersecting the real and imagined. Under a neon-hued glow, his realistic and surreal renderings of children and adults are placed amid Arizona landscapes, creating "near-magical" references to the supernatural. Through narratives of connection and communication, Wallace's imagery suspends the viewer with a playful and macabre innocence.

Museum Hours:

Mon: Closed

Tue-Sat: 10am-5pm Sun: Noon-5pm Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum is located at 1 East Main Street, in downtown Mesa, AZ, 85201. Admission is always free.

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About Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum at Mesa Arts Center

Mesa Arts Center's (MAC) mission is to invite all people to create and discover entertaining, challenging and diverse art and arts experiences within joyous, dynamic and welcoming environments. As part of Mesa Arts Center, Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum (MCA Museum) showcases the best in Contemporary Art by emerging, nationally and internationally recognized artists. MCA Museum provides support and advancement to artists through solo, group and juried exhibitions. MCA Museum's free admission and strong engagement programs provide visitors with free school and public tours, a robust docent program and free artist talks.

About Mesa Arts Center

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. Mesa Arts Center's mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.