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*Fresh A.I.R. Gallery* presents:

**Lost to Shadow**

Artwork by David Marteney  
March 18 – May 8, 2020

**UPDATE:** *Southeast Healthcare continues to implement plans for ongoing care for patients, while keeping our staff members safe and healthy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, we have made the decision to temporarily close the Fresh A.I.R. Gallery to gallery patrons and postpone the exhibition Lost to Shadow in the Fresh A.I.R. Gallery until further notice. The exhibit Lost to Shadow by David Marteney will not be open on March 18 and the opening reception on that was scheduled for March 18 will be temporarily canceled. We plan to re-evaluate the situation in the coming weeks to see if the exhibition and opening can be hosted at a later date and will keep you informed.*

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery cordially invites you to Lost to Shadows, by David Marteney opening on Wednesday, March 18 and running through May 8, 2020. Southeast Healthcare and Fresh A.I.R. Gallery have made the difficult decision to temporarily cancel next week's opening reception that was on the 18th for Lost to Shadow. We plan to re-evaluate the situation in the coming weeks to see if the event can be hosted at a later date this spring. We will keep you informed.

David Marteney's artwork will still be installed and ready for viewing by Wednesday, March 18, and we encourage you to visit the exhibit when you are able.

Marteney has a passion for drawing figurative art. He has always been fascinated by the rhythms of the human form in all its shapes.

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He currently explores this using a mix of charcoal and black pastels, but also is in the process of learning how to create with oil-based paints. With this body of work, he wants to convey what it's like to live with depression.

He describes it as the hidden turmoil of a life ever-interrupted by a mind fascinated with its own destruction, and the loss we feel each and every day as the shadows looming in our psyche claim yet another piece of our will to go on.

Martenev hopes this exhibition will speak to people like him, and to provide them the comfort of knowing there are others like him. He states "We don't have to treat our condition as a terrible beast to hide: We can confront and find the tragic beauty in it, and address it with proper treatment and support."

David Martenev describes *Lost to Shadow* as the mistakes he's made, the triumphs he's earned, and his determination to grow.

**Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is located at 131 North High Street in downtown Columbus and is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

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