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Fresh A.I.R. Gallery

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Inland & Upland

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery cordially invites you to the opening reception for ***Inland & Upland***, an exhibition featuring the work of Massachusetts painter **Eric Pelka**.

Join us for the artist's opening reception on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Inland & Upland* will be on view at Fresh A.I.R. Gallery until May 4, 2018.

Eric's mixed media paintings explore the integration of nature with urban life and the discord and harmony that this engenders. His work also contemplates how we adapt and adjust, evoking empathy for the human condition.

Eric's artworks often reflect his direct environment and experience and serve as tangible vignettes of dream sequences. Influenced by unexpected feelings of both the conscious and subconscious mind, his artistic process involves layering diverse materials - including acrylic and oil paints, ink, pastel, marker, and pencil - onto canvas, paper, wood, and glass.

Eric's paintings have been exhibited in Italy, Japan, and across the United States, and are featured in private collections around the globe.

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Fresh A.I.R. Gallery (Artists in Recovery) is a project of Southeast Healthcare Services. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery's mission is to exhibit the work by individuals affected by mental illness and/or substance use disorder. Through art, we educate the community and work to break down the stigma by bringing focus to the artist vision. Southeast is a comprehensive provider of mental health, chemical dependency, physical healthcare and homeless services that has been serving Columbus since 1978 and is in eight Ohio counties. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is located downtown at 131 N. High Street in Columbus, Ohio. Our hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery's phone number is 614-744-8110. www.southeastinc.com.

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