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Pictures for Ana: Paintings inspired by life

By Quentin Heath Willis

COLUMBUS, OHIO (November 30, 2015) - Fresh A.I.R. Gallery invites you to the exhibition *Pictures for Ana*, Paintings inspired by life, filled with color and whimsical characters by Quentin Heath Willis.

**Join us for the artist's opening reception Wednesday, December 9 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
The exhibition will run until January 29, 2016.**

Quentin Heath Willis is a native of Nashville, Tennessee but currently lives in Connecticut. His paintings draw inspiration from sources outside of the art world, such as religious and philosophical texts, moments with loved ones, and images of current and historic events. However, his inspiration is also driven to a large degree by the circumstances surrounding a life of addiction and mental illness. Much of Heath's work has been an attempt to work through drug abuse, abstinence, homelessness, and the rebuilding of life. It has given him meaning when everything seemed hopeless, and has been the one constant in his chaotic life. Through his paintings, Heath simply hopes to inspire and bring pleasure to his audience. He paints to express color, emotion, spirituality, pain, and joy. “

“At the age of 45, my life is showing signs of stability. But I will never lose my passion and need to create, and could never live without the ability to express myself through painting.”

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Fresh A.I.R. Gallery met a milestone in 2014 by celebrating 10 years as a self-sustaining nonprofit art gallery with a mission to exhibit the works of individuals affected by mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

Our mission is through art, we educate the community and work to break down the stigma of mental illness and/or substance use disorders by bringing focus to the artistic vision. Since opening our gallery doors in September 2004, Fresh A.I.R. Gallery has shown 60 exhibitions, displaying the artwork of over 200 artists and sold more than 250 pieces of artwork totaling over \$60,000. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery does not accept any commission for art sold through the gallery. All proceeds from sold work go directly to the artists to help them establish their careers. Many exhibits demonstrate the courage and struggles of the artists as they combat stigma and address social issues.

In 2014 Vital Companies produced a video about Fresh A.I.R. Gallery:

<http://youtu.be/Vcn-SnOmYHk>

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is a project of Southeast Healthcare Services, a comprehensive provider of mental health, chemical dependency, physical healthcare and homeless services that has been serving Columbus since 1978 and six surrounding counties. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is located downtown at 131 N. High Street Columbus, Ohio. Our hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery's hotline is 614-744-8110. Visit our website at www.southeastinc.com.

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