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First Exhibit of Mayor's Art Club Set for Display at Opening Reception

Photos: "Guitar Player" by Joan Dance and "Veil" by Paul Lorenz

PADUCAH – The first installment of artwork by artists Joan Dance and Paul Lorenz will be ready for viewing at the opening reception for the Mayor's Art Club. The reception will be at noon on Thursday, February 14 on the second floor of City Hall. Dance and Lorenz will be the first two artists to showcase their work which will be on display at the reception through March 29. The public can view the artwork when City Hall is open, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

In January, Mayor Gayle Kaler asked for artists who live in McCracken County to submit photos of their work with a January 31 deadline for consideration. A committee consisting of Paducah School of Art Director Paul Aho, Yeiser Art Center Executive Director Josh White, and Rosemarie Steele, former marketing director of the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Visitors Bureau, reviewed the 27 entries and used a four-point grading system to narrow the list to eight artists. All forms of art were accepted, and the eight selected artists showcase a diversity of disciplines ranging from sculptors and ceramists to photographers and painters. Each quarter of the calendar year, two of the eight artists will have the opportunity to display their artwork at City Hall.



Folk artist Joan Dance's work will be on display in the Mayor's office at City Hall for this first installment. Dance, a Paducah native, has five children, eight grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. Dance began painting 20 years ago because of what she says was a "persistent urge" to paint a church. Dance's desire to paint continued resulting in more than 40 group/single shows and exhibits. One of Dance's paintings is on permanent display in the Thomas Jefferson Room of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Dance has been recognized locally



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for her talents at the LowerTown Arts and Music Festival and the Woman's Club of Paducah Art Show.



Paul Lorenz, an abstract painter and drawer, will have his artwork on display in the Mayor's reception area at City Hall through March 29. Lorenz was born in Chicago but has lived in Paducah since 2003. After graduating from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, he went on to study oil painting at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the International School of Art in Italy, and the University of California, Berkeley. With an education in Bauhaus architecture and fine art, Lorenz has received international recognition. Lorenz exhibits with numerous galleries in the United States and

Europe. As a member of Pintura Fresca, an international group of abstract artists, he has exhibited worldwide. Lorenz was the only U.S. resident to participate in the historic Realites Nouvelles exhibition in Paris in 2012.

For more information about the Mayor's Art Club including exhibit dates, visit www.paducahky.gov/paducah/mayors-art-club-0.

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