



ASCENSION: AN ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

Featuring:

Lola Quinn
Heathyr Calderon
Kira MagCalen
Jamie Chihuan

Musical Guests:

DJ Tony-the T of TLoop
Singer-Songwriter Terra milkdathoney

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Open Art Night: Saturday, July 29, 2023

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

“There’s always another level up. There’s always another ascension. More grace, more light, more generosity, more compassion, more to shed, more to grow.” – Elizabeth Gilbert

Ascension is a group exhibit inviting each artist to use their own visual vocabulary to capture the spirit of what it means to ascend. Through unique artist expression, ascension is brought to life through vibrant colors, fantasy, and whimsical dream-like states that inspires self-reflection and ignites a higher state of being.

Lola Quinn, “Metanoia”

Lola Quinn is a Colorado Native who has been using art to transmute emotions since she was a child. Considering herself an expressionist, you can't miss heavy notes of street art, surrealism, and pop art. Her mediums know no limit, including acrylic, oil, oil pastel, charcoal, clay, and digital art/graphic design. Her trademark is typically explosively vibrant color, and she particularly enjoys capturing the energy at the events to which she is invited to performance paint.

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'Metanoia' describes the evolution of one's state of mind, heart, self, or way of life. In this series of paintings, the viewer is invited to embrace a colorful revolution of spirit by shedding societal shackles, and rediscovering one's most authentic self. This collection is packed with vibrant, powerful imagery created to inspire reflection, and - just maybe - give sustenance to the journey to ascend to a higher vibration.

Heathyr Calderon, "Proliferous Mythos"

Heathyr Calderon is a local Denver fantasy painter, author, and illustrator of upcoming children's books. Her artworks are based on nature's mythos, nature's importance, and the fantasies we as people create to deal with mental health issues. Each of her paintings or illustrations are created to reflect a certain emotion, moment in her life, or mental health problem using imagination and nature as a backdrop to help convey its meanings and deep roots.

This series is about the beautiful rage that lies within each of us. That purpose we each seek to find while navigating through our life and its mental health challenges. By using nature and fantasy, these paintings come to life and make us take a deeper look at what scares us, what moves us, and what makes us feel alive.

Kira MagCalen, "Swept Away"

Kira MagCalen is a Denver based artist, author and illustrator. She infuses playful cartoons, street art and inspiration from video games into emotive portraits and landscapes of the subconscious, exploring human emotions and experience.

This series features digitally designed wood engravings that have been painted by hand. Some characters appear lost in thought, getting in touch with their higher, imaginative processes, elevating their consciousness, while others are fighting to rise above mundane or dire circumstances. They reflect the turbulent, airy nature of life and the intermingling of cynicism and whimsy.

Jamie Chihuan, "Life's Waiting Room"

Jamie Chihuan, a visionary creative force, defies conventions and delights audiences with his surreal art. With a style that's equal parts captivating and relatable, he effortlessly bridges the gap between the contemporary art world and millennial culture, inviting everyone to embark on a journey of self-expression and imagination. Jamie was born and raised in Longmont, Colorado. Currently, he is based out of Arvada, Colorado.

Where do dreams go to die. Is it here in reality? My series combines dream like landscapes, Surreal portraits, and abstracted background to hopefully bring back that dream sense in your waking life.

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