

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Gallery at Macon Creek presents an exhibit of over 100 Architectural Art Works by Donn Angel Pérez April 30 – August 28, 2022 with an Open House on Sunday, May 15 from 1 - 4 p.m.

By appointment: gallery@maconcreek.org

The Gallery at Macon Creek is proud to launch a new exhibit of over 100 architectural art works by Donn Angel Pérez, a Venezuelan-born artist whose style reflects his background in architecture and his years as a drummer in a progressive rock band. Pérez states, "Music has been very influential to me from the beginning, and I believe I became a true artist when I learned about syncopation, beat and rhythm. I still use those concepts as guiding principles: fast tempo as it relates to line stroke style, irregular time signatures to architectural art expressions, and marked time signatures as inspiration gathered from life experiences."

In his home country, Pérez studied oil painting, sketching, calligraphy and technical drafting, as well as formal courses in art history, analytical geometry and architectural design at the Instituto Antonio Jose de Sucre in Barquisimeto, Venezuela. At age 20, Pérez relocated to the United States, where he enrolled in the school of architecture at the University of Michigan. In 2007 Pérez completed his Master of Architecture degree with a minor in graphic design. In 2013, after a life-threatening bout with brain cancer, Pérez and his wife Pam embarked on another adventure that brought them to Cardiff by the Sea. He reflects, "Cancer was a very 'thriving' episode in my life. It re-ignited my artist fire — an art of survival, of resiliency and of embracing new and unique creative journeys."

Finding inspiration in nature, in music and in Christian faith, Pérez uses acrylic paint combined with modeling paste, graphite and pastels in his paintings and 3-D abstractions. While describing his artwork as "tectonic, thorny and visually alive," Pérez comments, "I hope to create artwork that reflects conditions of resiliency and adaptation through my vocations as teacher and architect and as a human being."

He adds, "The art is fluid and occupied with vigorous strokes attempting to exhibit a healing energy inside settings of perpetual activity." Having personally experienced the healing power of art, Pérez states, "I am looking to bring my creative energy to the homes of art lovers and to healing environments where art works as therapy for the heart, mind and spirit."

Pérez is an artist-in-residence at Macon Creek, and his works will be exhibited at the Gallery at Macon Creek from April 30 – August 28, 2022. The gallery will also host an Open House on Sunday, May 15 from 1 - 4 p.m. featuring conversations with the artist and refreshments provided. Located at

the front of The Hive at Macon Creek, the Gallery features local artists on a rotating basis year-round at 8759 Clinton Macon Rd, Clinton, MI 49236. Tours are available by appointment: gallery@maconcreek.org.

## **About Macon Creek**

Macon Creek is a picturesque 215-acre campus in southeast Michigan dedicated to the arts, innovation and sustainability. Founded by The Hive Project, a Michigan 501(c)(3) whose mission is to empower artists, educators and entrepreneurs, Macon Creek will sustain holistic creators and programs for generations to come.

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