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“Musicalia” Exhibit at Arts Barn Pays Homage to Musicians

Gaithersburg, MD (January 10, 2019) In early March, the amazing talents of young musicians will be on full display as the City of Gaithersburg and the Kentlands Community Foundation present the winners of the 16th Annual Young Artist Award in concert. In further celebration of the intersection of music and art, Gaithersburg’s *Arts on the Green* will mount “Musicalia,” featuring works that represent a broad range of music genres and artists. The exhibit is on display at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, from February 4 to March 31, with viewing hours Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 1:30 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists during a free Artists Reception on Saturday, February 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Curated from a call to artists and by invitation, the featured artist for this exhibit is Magruder Murray, who works in a variety of media, including oil, watercolor, acrylic, colored pencil, and pen and ink. Murray has created many images depicting musicians, from jazz artists to street musicians to popular musical genres, in his mixed media style.

This exhibit also features the works of Michael Auger, Goodloe Byron, Peter Foiles, Shanelle Jacobs, Michael Kuchinsky, Bill Mapes, Grace Newcomer, Alfredo Ortiz, Roxana Rojas- Luzon, Meg Schaap, Linda Slattery Sherman, Francine Stowe-Sinkler, David Terrar, and Alexey Zoob. Glasswork by National Capital Art Glass Guild members Carol Sontheimer and Katherine Thomas will also be on display. Local singer-songwriter and photographer Domenic Cicala, who has photographed many of the musicians who perform at the Arts Barn and whose work is displayed in the theater stairwell, will show two photographs in this exhibit.

Continuing the focus on music and art, the Arts Barn will host two workshops in February. Go on a hand’s on exploration of music-inspired collages with artist Jeanne Sullivan on Saturday, February 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. The workshop features a brief history of collage and lessons on the proper use of materials, followed by an opportunity to create your own masterpiece. Register for the workshop online. Professor Andrew H. Weaver, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Head of Musicology at Catholic University, will lead a talk about the relationship between music and art on Saturday February 16 from 1 to 2 p.m. The discussion, entitled “Of Color, Space and Texture – How We Use Visual Language to Talk about Music,” is part of the Art History Gallery Series. Register for the lecture online.

The Young Artist Award is a juried competition that provides musicians ages 12 – 18 with an enriching artistic experience and encourages them in their love of music. It culminates in a concert featuring the top prize

winners, which takes place on Friday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rosborough Cultural Arts Center at Asbury Methodist Village.

Please note that some of the artwork is for sale and all images are copyrighted by the artists. For more information, please contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6394 or e-mail shellie.williams@gaitthersburgmd.gov.

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