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## LONG-STANDING ARTS COALITION MERGES WITH STUDIOS630

Lombard, IL - Studios630 is proud to announce a merger with Lombard Arts Coalition (LAC) on July 19, 2018. The long-standing Lombard Arts Coalition incorporated in 2000 as The DuPage Theatre Visual and Performing Arts Coalition with efforts to help support the renovation of the DuPage Theater, which has since closed. LAC also helped organize the “DuPage Invitational Sculpture & 3-D Art Show” held annually in Lilacia Park, Lombard.

The merger with Studios630 will strengthen the local artist community by combining membership, gallery space and resources. Studios630 is a fairly new group of artists, currently expanding throughout the Western Suburbs of Chicago. The group has grown to about 100 members and incorporated in April 2017. The merged organization, going forward, will be known as Studios630.

Studios630 prides itself on being a welcoming community and invites all artists to check out its offerings. Membership includes monthly meetings, programs and regular gallery shows. The group also organizes pop-up art sales, seminars, and other events. The Corner House coffee shop in Lombard generously provides gallery space to support the local and emerging artists of Studios630. In addition, LAC has had a mutually beneficial partnership with National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, which will continue under Studios630. The member artists provide artwork for the hallways in the NUHS Clinic Building, and NUHS allows Studios630 to hold meetings in its facility.

All interested artists are welcome to Studios630 meetings at the National University of Health Sciences, Clinic Building B at 200 East Roosevelt Road in Lombard. Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. This September, because of the Labor Day holiday, the group will meet on Monday, September 10th. For this month’s program, author and artist Robin Liefeld presents her workshop, “Branding Yourself as an Artist.” Liefeld will share what she learned as she turned her hobby into an art business in just four short years. Her colorful works of art often encourage standing in your truth and being brave in the face of challenges.

Studios630 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and supportive community of fine artists and creatives living in the Western Suburbs of Chicago. The group encourages artists to make art, create a better community and show and sell their work. They encourage all patrons, students and artists to come and Be A Part of Art!

For more information about Studios630, visit [www.studios630.com](http://www.studios630.com) or follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/studios630](https://www.facebook.com/studios630).

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April 6, 2018

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### An Eclectic Exhibit Brings Students into the Gallery

The exhibit "Open Symbolism" went out with fan-fare during the closing reception, when a group of Addison Trail High School 3-D art students led by Maria Ramon visited and met a few of the artists in gallery. Joe Eddy Brown and Bill Austin were on hand to answer the student's questions that ranged from their inspiration and education to specific creation and selections of materials. This exhibit was of particular interest to the students who are studying art made of found objects.

"I take my art students to every exhibit in the gallery, but this one directly ties into our unit," Ramon said. "They previewed the show, prepared questions and then viewed the pieces again with the artists. It was an invaluable opportunity to connect what they are learning with real-world artists and ask questions about the artistic process. We are so grateful to have this rich resource in our community!"

The show highlighted the talents of artists Joe Eddy Brown, Gary Brown, Anton Witek, Bill Austin and Rena Church. The eclectic group of 5 relates their collaboration to a pentaprism — reflecting an array of ideas and light in constant deviation. The group's varied styles and viewpoints are as diverse as the materials they use and the passions the work portrays. As the group expresses, "we don't paint the standard portrait, common landscape or a simple bowl of fruit. We push boundaries and break new ground — taking things and putting them into a new context."

The current exhibit, "Creative Insights" might also be of interest to students, faculty and parents. It is a juried collection of work from 28 local artists representing a myriad of medium and styles exploring the theme of creative insights. The current work is on exhibit through April 27th, with an artist reception on Friday, April 13th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

The Addison Center for the Arts gallery is open Wednesday – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm and is located at 213 N. Lombard Road, Door #4, Addison, IL, adjacent to Addison Trail High School, parking is available in the North lot. Special tours are available by calling 630-548-4500.

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American Images

Artist : Wes Baker

October 4th - 28th, 2017

Artist Reception, Friday October 6th - 7:00 - 9:00pm

Wes Baker to Exhibit "American Images"

The Addison Center for the Arts is excited to announce abstract representational artist Wesley R. Baker and his traveling exhibit, "American Images". The exhibit will be on display October 4 - 28, with an opening reception on October 6, 2017 from 7 -9pm.

The exhibition will feature a diverse collection of abstract iconic American images, ranging from motorcycles and landscapes to Civil War and Native American themes, exploring current and historical issues. Baker is a vivid story teller on and off the canvas. "The passion in these paintings is personal. I strive to communicate experiences of life – joy, freedom, fear, grief," explains the artist.

Baker's style is described as abstract representational. His paintings reflect centuries of inspiration, ranging from 19th Century impressionists to 20th Century symbolist and abstract painters like Gustav Klimt, Franz Kline and Chicago Imagist, Ed Paschke.

Some pieces in this exhibit were a part of a four-year traveling exhibition at the National Motorcycle Museum and the Motorcycle Hall of Fame, Baker explained, "Some of my paintings are about the wind in my hair and two wheels in motion. It's unclear where the rider is going and whether the ride is free-spirited and joyous, or whether imminent danger looms ahead."

Baker began his artistic career as a teenager, working as a sign painter and pinstriper. After a four-year stint as an artist in the U.S. Air Force, working as an illustrator for the flight magazine and the flight school, he returned to college and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Industrial Design. After a thirty-five-year career in the construction industry, his life came full circle, returning to painting full time.

Learn more about the artist at [www.wrbaker.com](http://www.wrbaker.com). Meet Wes Baker at an artist reception on Friday, October 6th from 7:00 - 9:00p.m. The exhibit will continue through October 28th. The gallery is located at 213 N. Lombard Road, Door #4, Addison, IL. The gallery is adjacent to Addison Trail High School, parking is available in the North lot. The gallery is open Wednesday - Saturday 1- 4pm.

The Addison Center for the Arts is non-profit organization created to be an integral part in advancing the arts within the community. For more information, visit our Facebook page, [www.addisoncenterforthearts.com](http://www.addisoncenterforthearts.com) or call 630-458-4500.

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