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Vintage Vibes

An 'ARTlife' Art Experience

Works by Andrew Brooks

Abstract Art Collective & Film Screening

OPENING RECEPTION

January 6 | 6p-9p | The Arts Center | Free To Attend

EXHIBITION

January 6 - 21 | The Arts Center | Free To Attend

Gallery Hours Vary

About
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VINTAGE VIBES Exhibit

Artist Andrew Brooks showcases urban abstract art collective and film screening at The Arts Center

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Pushing the boundaries of urban abstract expressionism, the Arts Council of Fayetteville|Cumberland County and Vetreprenuer Visions invites you to explore the eclectic visionary works of artist and filmmaker Andrew Brooks at the “Vintage Vibes Exhibit & Film Screening” at The Arts Center.

Artist Andrew Brooks offers an “ARTlife” Art Experience featuring an aesthetically stimulating collection of over twenty large-scale acrylic and oil pen paintings on canvas ranging from 36” x 48” to 48” x 56” in size. His works are symbolic of the exaggerated, rhythmic stroke styles and the unconventional, dynamic application techniques used by the pioneers of the *Urban Abstract Expressionism* movement.



Jek and Hyde
Acrylic Paint & Oil Pen on Canvas
24x30 | \$250



Bro Man
Acrylic Paint & Oil Pen on Canvas
20x24 | \$650



So Where Should We Start
Acrylic Paint, Tempera Paint Stick & Oil Pen on Canvas
48x36 | \$1,000



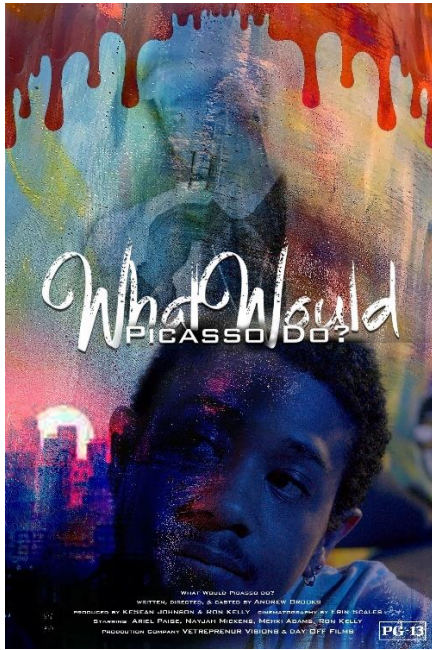
Thoth and Seshat
Acrylic Paint & Oil Pen on Canvas
48x36 | \$1,600



Easy Bucket
Acrylic Paint & Oil Pen on Canvas
36x48 | \$2,500

During his silent moments of coping with the seclusion of the COVID lockdown, Andrew channeled his focus and energy onto the canvas. Each paint stroke reflects distorted revelations of his life’s story that are articulated through his innermost self-discoveries and how he identifies with his creative visions. He is now taking his stories, and his passion, into the marketplace to share his extraordinary works in a gallery setting for other art enthusiasts to experience.

“This is my first solo exhibit at The Arts Center gallery”, says Andrew Brooks. “Being able to showcase my work to a broader community is a game-changer for me because it’s an invitation for audiences to experience mainstream views of the urban culture.”



Special film screening of “What Would Picasso Do?”, a short film directed by Andrew Brooks

Visitors of the Vintage Vibes Exhibit are also invited to view a special film screening of “**What Would Picasso Do?**”, a short film written, directed, and produces by filmmaker Andrew Brooks.

The film has been recently selected for viewing at the Black Panther International Short Film Festival and the Blue Dolphin Monthly Online International Short Film Festival.



film synopsis

As a young, broke, and struggling artist trying to break through the cut-throat perceptions of art enthusiasts who simply do not understand and reject his creative direction, “What Would Picasso Do?” recounts the journey of Dewayne (played by Mehki Adams) whose years-long struggle ends abruptly when he lands the sale of his very first million-dollar painting, thus, launching his prosperous painting career.

Becoming a millionaire overnight, the quick money changes Dewayne’s lifestyle and perception of wealth and privilege in the world.

Cast members include Ron Kelly, Nayjah Mickens, and Ariel Paige.



Watch The [Film Trailer](#)
Available on [TubiTV](#) and Amazon Prime

Meet Artist & Filmmaker Andrew Brooks

Andrew Brooks is a multi-talented creative and army veteran of the United States Military who has served in OIF. Obtaining an Associates of Arts degree at The Art Institute of Washington and now attending Full Sail University to gain a BA in Cinematography, he has pioneered his career within the film industry becoming an award-winning Free-Lance Editor and Director of Photography.

Andrew’s artistic style is rooted in *Urban Abstract Expressionism*, a mixture of styles and techniques learned from the progressive mentors of the movement (Ernie Barnes, George Condo, Frida Kahlo, Basquiat, Warhol, and Keith Haring).

Having worked for many networks such as HBO, Hulu, Amazon, Showtime, and Fox, Andrew’s filmmaking experience extends to directing over 10 short films and producing over 70 music videos.



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OPENING RECEPTION

January 6th, 2023

6pm - 9pm

The Arts Center

All media and the general public are cordially invited to attend the **Opening Reception**.

Nayjah Mickens, featured actress in the film “What Would Picasso Do?”, will do a Live Performance. In addition, Andrew Brooks along with film cast members will be onsite for interview opportunities and host a Q&A session for attendees.

Free to attend (RSVP not required).

VIEW ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

Stay in-the-know of various artist and event opportunities throughout the region.

Diamante NC Latino Artists Database

Diamante Arts & Culture Center

Project Support Grant

Arts Council of Fayetteville|Cumberland County

NEA Big Read Project Grant

National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest

CALL FOR ART: Cabin Fever Exhibit

Cape Fear Studios

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In the year 2021-22, the Arts Council distributed almost \$1 million in grant funds and allocations to Cumberland County arts and culture non-profit organizations, artists, and municipalities.

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Upcoming Community Events

JAN 4 - 10	Annual Member Exhibit Cape Fear Studios
JAN 16	Cumberland County H. S. Exhibit Fayetteville Tech Community College
JAN 21	Jubilate Deo Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra
FEB 10	Friends of Music Guest Artist Series Singer Yolanda Rabun Methodist University

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