

SPAC GALLERY / Sperryville ARTist Cooperative
FALL ART TOUR FEATURED ARTISTS 2025

ADAM MARTIN DISBROW / AD_AD

Is an American Expressionist Artist, currently based in Charlottesville, Virginia. Adam began showing at fine art galleries in 2014 and is a cofounder of SPAC Gallery-He joined the NFT Space in March, 2021 and is one of the top selling artists on the Tezos blockchain. Adam's work is conglomerate of the ubiquitous counterposed with rare, precious, or divine elements. Duality, dichotomy, inversion, and reversal are also recurrent themes found across the body of his work. By approaching a new piece in a state of "no mind" he begins each canvas in an aleatoric way, adding specificity and objectivity as the piece develops so the work becomes a dynamic objective statement. Adam incorporates the use of symbols and language into his work, drawing upon classical and modern poetry and prose for inspiration. Recognizably influenced by Basquiat and Picasso, and more subtly by the work of Cy Twombly, Jasper Johns, Edvard Munch, Ha Chong Hyun, Pierre Soulages, Paul Gauguin, Henri Matisse, and Marc Chagall.

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LAURA CARSTOIU

Laura has been passionate about painting since childhood. Her first formal exhibit was at the Norton Arts Festival, in Massachusetts and she received a Bachelor's of Fine Art at the Boston University in 1971. After studying with Boston Artist, Rick Harlow of "The Elder's Project" Laura began to explore on a larger scale in abstract form. Inspired by the California Impressionists and the native terrain, Laura moved from Boston to the West Coast of California in 2004 where she could be more intimately connected to the natural landscape and intense lighting. It was there that Laura began to refine her canvas and speak in the visual language realism with an impressionistic style. Laura was an active member of the Escondido Art Association in Northern San Diego for 15 years before her recent move to the East Coast to enjoy the beautiful full-spectrum of our Virginia's Piedmont Region.

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BEN MASON

Ben is a mixed media constructionist, artist, musician, author who lives in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, on the site of a 3000 year old Indian village. Here Ben creates his songs, art, and stories on sacred land, and feels the passage of those who came before him. As a musician and writer Ben continues to record, play piano and sing songs he's written about his life and the world around him. His memoir, "Sex, Trucks, and Rock 'n Roll...A Spiritual Journey" released in 2024 spans fifty years of his life, from his transition as a touring rocker to the founder of a moving company and an artistic repair business, while his spiritual awakening led him to fatherhood and the sacred land he now resides. His memoir was chosen to represent Indie Authors at the 2024 Tucson Festival of Books in March 2024, as well as for the March 2025 Tucson Festival of Books.

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PATRICK HENDREN

Patrick is a resident blacksmith forging in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Patrick was initially inspired by Rappahannock's own, Nol Putnam, of White Oak Forge—a renowned artist-blacksmith, and sculptor of three gates at the Washington National Cathedral. In 2008 Patrick and his son, Jacob attended a blacksmithing course at the Jacksonville Center for the Arts in Floyd, Virginia. Jessie Ward, taught foundational techniques and how to build and maintain a proper coal fire. Inspired by the experience, Patrick gathered materials to build their own forge and by July 2009, they lit their coal forge for the first time and named their setup Rusty Bell Forge. Over time Patrick's passion has grown into a family tradition, experimenting with everything from blades to dinner bells, but discovered a true passion for hand-forged jewelry and small art pieces. Much of Patrick's current work focuses on pendants, rings, torcs, and decorative items each one shaped by fire, hammer, and imagination.

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