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'Paintings 1991 - 2023, Celebrating 30+ Years As A Charlotte Artist'

A fine art exhibition by Jerry Lee Kirk

Venue: NINE EIGHTEEN NINE STUDIO GALLERY

Opening Reception: 20 May 2023 at 5:00PM-8:00PM

Closing Reception: 22 June 2023, 6:00PM-8:00PM (Includes Artist Talk)

Artist Led Class: 24 June, 5:00-7:00PM

Jerry Lee Kirk studied commercial art and illustration at Shepherd University in West Virginia before picking up the brush and teaching himself to paint at the age of 30. Since then, after relocating to Charlotte, he has worked as a graphic designer, advertising art director, illustrator and gallery owner. He is also one of the Founding Fathers of Charlotte's historic art district, NoDa. He has won multiple awards for his paintings, exhibited in galleries throughout the country and has work in several corporate collections and many private. He currently works out of his home studio in East Ballantyne.

Jerry Lee Kirk's first solo exhibition at Nine Eighteen Nine Studio Gallery is a retrospective collection of his paintings consisting of work from as early as 1991, when he first relocated to Charlotte, to new work from this past year. Neo-impressionist and expressionist in style, Kirk's art alternates between narrative images and scenes of nature stylistically unified by his bold use of color. Over his 3 decades as an award-winning painter here in Charlotte, Kirk's work has addressed such diverse topics as politics, religion, social concerns and his love for nature, in particular the mountains of Western North Carolina. The images are rendered in varied styles that range from raw expressionism to realism to whimsy. Examples of all are included in this powerful exhibition curated by the galleries director, Joanne Rogers.

Learn more at www.jerrykirk.com

This exhibition is Curated by Joanne Rogers, Owner and Curatorial Director of Nine Eighteen Nine Studio Gallery, LLC (www.nineeightennine.com).

Nine Eighteen Nine Studio Gallery is private venue located in Charlotte, NC which aims to provide affordable workspace, support and representation for emerging fine artists with a focus on visual arts. The gallery is known for expansive exhibits featuring fine artists of color. However, they offer a nurturing, accessible, inclusive platform focused on providing opportunities for and representation of all artists.

Gallery hours:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Friday, 11:00-3:00 Saturday & Sunday - by appointment.