

THE KELLY

Kelly Fitzpatrick Center for the Arts

JOHN KELLY FITZPATRICK (1888 - 1953)

One of Alabama's best-known artists, our namesake John Kelly Fitzpatrick was a Regionalist painter born in Wetumpka in 1888. In 1918, Fitzpatrick enlisted in the U.S. Army serving in World War I and suffered permanent scarring from shrapnel wounds. Having been through "the furnace of War," Fitzpatrick thereafter dedicated himself to the arts, seeking the beauty in life.

Fitzpatrick set to creating regional art organizations with his fellow Southern artists during a time when very few artistic opportunities existed. Today he is remembered as: a founder of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in 1930, a founder and first president of the Alabama Art League, a director of the Southern States Art League, co-founder and director of the Dixie Art Colony (the oldest Art Colony in the South) in 1933, prominent member of the Watercolor Society of Alabama, among others. Fitzpatrick painted up until his death from a heart attack on April 18, 1953.

The Kelly Fitzpatrick Center for the Arts now honors his legacy by doing the same as Kelly himself—engaging, inspiring, educating, and promoting local and regional visual artists and our community at large.

HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday
10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday & Monday
Closed

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Fiction and Fantasy



Kathryn Collie

ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

Fiction and Fantasy

Since the creation of fire, humans have spun stories of the fantastical, the mythical, and the unknown. Fiction has long allowed us to express complex emotions and ideas through entertaining stories. In times past, the seasons changed because Persephone was kidnapped by Hades; the seas claimed sailor lives because of mermaid songs; and the Anglo-Saxons were defeated because the destined King Arthur drew Excalibur. Even now, heroes still fight so as to inspire us to stand up and fight for a better real world.

Step into stories and worlds brought to life by our local and regional artists of Alabama, and explore the art of imagination.



FEATURING ART BY

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| Charlotte Absher | Maria Escobar | Susan Pieri |
| Kathy Atchison | Kim Farris | Carla Powell |
| Glenda Adams | Nancy Frommert | Donna Richardson |
| Dani Anderson | Christina Fulmer | Carol Beth Roten |
| Wayne Atchison | Adrienne Gaines | Vanessa Royal |
| Maria Auad | Deb Garst | Janice Searcy |
| Wendell Bails | Steve Garst | Warren Simons |
| Alisa Beck | Natasha Godwin | Rhonda Sims |
| Adam Berryman | Mary Hanby | Carol Jean Singleton |
| Foster Berryman | Dow Harris | Brittni Smith |
| Keri Broughton | Aida Hicks | Sherri Springer |
| Richard Brown | Jerod Klodt | Joanne Staley |
| Courtney Carlisle | Christina Lane | Paula Susen |
| Rebecca Carr | Lisa Lenox | Pamela Sutton |
| Cheryl Carter | Dale Lewis | Liphus Swindall |
| Louisa Castor | Linda Lewis | Jennifer Talley |
| Libby Christensen | Iwona Londell | Jason Taylor |
| Foster Clark | Carla Luck | Cheryl Teel |
| Kathryn Collie | Anita McGowin | Justina Tillman |
| Martha Colson | Kat Moore | Dan Tipton |
| Ashley Crew | Erica Naylor | Alexander Vainstein |
| Syanne Culver | John Perdue | Raymond Van Tilburg |
| Adriane Duvall | Scott Perkins | Rhandie Weaver |
| DaNeal Eberly | Beth Phillips | Beth Wicker |
| | | Marty Woodall |



Maria Escobar



Cheryl Teel



Lisa Lenox



Dan Tipton