HIELLY 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.

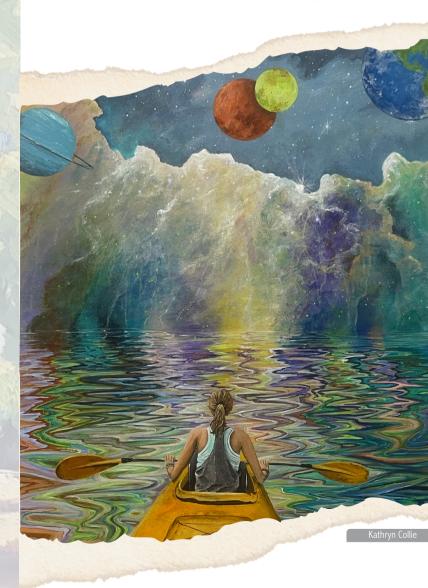
HOURS

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

Sunday & Monday Closed

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Fiction and Fantasy



ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

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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

Charlotte Absher Kathy Atchison Glenda Adams Dani Anderson Wayne Atchison Maria Auad Wendell Bails Alisa Beck Adam Berryman Foster Berryman Keri Broughton Richard Brown Courtney Carlisle Rebecca Carr Cheryl Carter Louisa Castor Libby Christensen Foster Clark Kathryn Collie Martha Colson Ashley Crew Syanne Culver Adriane Duvall DaNeal Eberly

Maria Escobar Kim Farris Nancy Frommert Christina Fulmer Adrienne Gaines Deb Garst Steve Garst Natasha Godwin Mary Hanby Dow Harris Aida Hicks Jerod Klodt Christina Lane Lisa Lenox Dale Lewis Linda Lewis Iwona Londell Carla Luck Anita McGowin Kat Moore Erica Naylor John Perdue Scott Perkins Beth Phillips

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