

January 28 through April 22, 2018
The 120th Annual Midwest Art Exhibition

With the Wind

plein-air paintings by
**Matthew Miller &
Nicole Thibodeau**
of Hays, Kansas
and **Shannon Trevethan**
of Russell, Kansas



Dowa Yallene by Matthew Miller

Statement

With the Wind is an exhibition featuring three Kansas artists, Matthew Miller, Nicole Thibodeau, and Shannon Trevethan, brought together by their interest in plein air painting. "En plein air" is the French term for "in the open air" and specifically relates to the act of painting in nature. By leaving the confines of the studio, these artists are experiencing the natural light and atmosphere represented in their paintings. The group is committed to the practice of observational painting on location. Each one contributes a unique impression of the landscape.



New Mexico Dreaming by
Nicole Thibodeau

Biographies

A frequent open air painter, **Matthew Miller** currently lives and works in Hays. He graduated from Fort Hays State University with a B.F.A., emphasis painting, in 2013. Miller also earned a B.A. History of Art degree from the University of Kansas.

A recent award recipient at juried exhibitions in Hays and Wichita, Matt has upcoming shows at Friends University in Wichita, and Highland Community College in Highland, KS. Regarding his approach to painting, he writes, "As I travel thru all regions of the country, my eyes are drawn out and upward toward the wind farms that are now a permanent fixture of the landscape. Much like turbines harnessing the wind's power, these paintings capture the shifting and surging impulses of nature, and have become for me a visual record of my own wandering spirit. My current goal is to represent our everyday relationships with the landscape through creative equilibrium of color."



The Sun is Going Down by
Shannon Trevethan

Nicole Thibodeau grew up immersed in the natural beauty of Taos, New Mexico. As the daughter of painter Rich Thibodeau and actress Karen Thibodeau, creativity was intertwined with daily life. She painted her way through a B.A. in studio art from Bethany College and an M.F.A. from Fort Hays State University. She also pursued a love of writing with an M.A. in English from FHSU. Further studies took her to the Art Student's League in New York, Studio Art Centers International in Italy, and Lacoste School of the Arts in France. Currently, she lives in Hays, Kansas, where she paints in her studio and also designs art activities for teens at the Hays Public Library. Her work is featured at ArtSpace Gallery in Marquette, Kansas, The GypseRose Boutique in Hays, and online at www.nicolethibodeau.com. She is grateful for the comradery of all those who share in the creative journey, especially Matthew Miller and Shannon Trevethan.

Shannon Trevethan likes exploring Kansas, making paintings, visiting museums and galleries, and meeting other artists. Whether on her easel or from the driver's seat, she creates harmonious landscape and figurative paintings in oil. She enjoys both working in her studio and painting outdoors. Painting, similar to meditation, is part of her daily ritual.

Trevethan moved from Montana to Kansas in the summer of 2010 and enrolled in her first painting course that fall at Fort Hays State University. She graduated in the spring of 2015 with a B.F.A. in studio art and works as director of the Deines Cultural Center in Russell. She is not only dedicated to her own work, but to building a community of artists and art enthusiasts



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