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Marked: Art That Lives on the Skin

TATTOO samples from three regional studios

This exhibition features tattoo designs from **True Love Tattoo** and **Rogue Collective Tattoos & Piercings** in Salina, along with selections from **Tenfold Tattoo** in Wichita.

In the last couple of decades, tattoos have shifted from symbols of rebellion and exclusiveness to an accepted form of individual expression. They have become mainstream, with much greater acceptance by society. They also have a rich and colorful history that dates back to the earliest traces of human civilization - transitioning from tribal symbols to exquisitely rendered imagery that showcases some of the most elaborate art being made today. This show provides viewers a small sampling of tattooing's possibilities.

Representing True Love Tattoo in Salina are Chase Wheeler, Kitana DuMars, Colin Benson, and Madilynn Klassen. Rogue Collective Tattoos and Piercings, also in Salina, features tattoo artist Valen Laska. Tenfold Tattoo in Wichita is represented by Shaila Roach, Megan Shelton, Tyler Warren, Sarah Shurtz, and Christopher Edwards.

The Sandzén Gallery appreciates their participation in this exhibition and wishes them continued success in this ever-evolving field.

To gain better insight about what it takes to be a tattoo artist, beyond just the creative abilities, the tattoo artist job description below provides a glimpse of what the artists must be able to do. Link to the description is:

<https://www.betterteam.com/tattoo-artist-job-description>:

We are looking to hire a skilled tattoo artist to create quality tattoos for clients. The tattoo artist's responsibilities include consulting with clients to specifically design tattoos based on their ideas, performing allergy tests, and sterilizing work areas immediately after each tattoo application. You should also be able to sterilize all nondisposable tattoo equipment between tattoo application sessions.

To be successful as a tattoo artist, you should stay abreast of the latest tattoo trends. Ultimately, an exceptional tattoo artist should be able to successfully modify clients' existing tattoos.

Tattoo Artist Responsibilities:

Scheduling appointments with clients and discussing pricing.

Shaving various areas of clients' bodies in preparation for tattoo applications.



Cleaning various areas of clients' skin using antibacterial soap.

Advising clients on tattoo size, color, and suitable placement.

Carefully listening to clients in order to understand their tattoo ideas.

Showing clients tattoo designs if they don't have any in mind.

Stenciling the chosen designs onto clients' skin and using a tattoo gun to create permanent designs.

Covering recently tattooed areas with sterile dressings.

Providing clients with instructions on how to care for newly tattooed areas.

Maintaining a clean and safe work environment by adhering to state and federal health regulations.

Tattoo Artist Requirements:

High school diploma or GED.

State tattoo license.

Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP) certificate.

CPR training.

A well-presented portfolio.

Proven experience tattooing in a tattoo studio.

Excellent communication skills.

Exceptional customer service skills.

Detail-oriented and artistic.



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