

John Ross Palmer Announces the 2015 Escapist Artists

Stephanie Gonzalez, Luke Poteete and Scott Tarbox of Houston, Texas will be mentored all year after achieving acceptance into John Ross Palmer's prestigious Escapist Mentorship Program. Joining them is Michelle Sendy, the 2015 Millikin Escapist.

January 19, 2015 (FPRC) -- Palmer proudly announces the members of the 2015 Escapist Mentorship Program: Stephanie Gonzalez, Luke Poteete and Scott Tarbox. Michelle Sendy of Decatur, IL is this year's Millikin Escapist Scholar.

These four dedicated artists were picked from scores of applicants from around the United States, a great percentage of which were repeat applicants. Hard-working artists submit a written application with art images, essays and a recommendation to a jury panel, and then, as a Finalist, they present themselves for "speed dating" style interviews at Palmer's newly-completed Escapist Artist Gallery & Studios (aka "The Chrysalis"). Panels for scoring are comprised of top Palmer patrons, including: FCC Members Karen Bean and Bobby Paul Davis plus collectors Carolyn Watts and Donna Vallone (2010 Vallone Award Winner). Read all about the history, mission and goals of this empowering program plus see first-class documentary videos by visiting EscapistProgram.com. Learn about the Chrysalis construction at RefusettoStruggle.com.

"This class is young, innovative and mega-talented!" exclaims Palmer. "The Houston Escapists will have a working Studio and Gallery spotlight in the state-of-the-art Chrysalis." The 2015 Escapists will take the Pledge of the Escapist at an exclusive Initiation Ceremony on January 25th at Palmer's Historic Heights Art Gallery in front of former Escapist Artists and top Palmer Patrons. As a sign of the times, the artists will receive their first assignment via Instagram during the week prior to their formal initiation. 2015 Escapist Scott Tarbox is exhilarated, "I believe I'm being offered a serious opportunity to hone my style, reach deeper into the art community and challenge myself—and hopefully inspire other artists." Tarbox, from Tomball, is a repeat applicant to Palmer's prestigious program. He is the first Escapist Artist that is widely recognized for his work with aerosols and presentation via street art.

Palmer's Art Movement of Escapism is aimed to forever destroy the stereotype of the struggling artist. His mentorship program, founded in 2009, teaches artists how to sell on their own and not be tied to the traditional art gallery system. Palmer does this as a means of giving back to the art world--it is entirely free.

If you have any questions about Artist John Ross Palmer or his Escapist Mentorship Program (EscapistProgram.com), please contact gallery co-owner Ryan Lindsay at 713-861-6726 or Ryan@JohnPalmerArt.com.

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