

**MAEA 2023**  
**Spring Conference**  
*A Hometown Perspective*



**Keynote Speaker: Adam Trest**  
With additional workshops by local Laurel artists

**March 24th-25th, 2023**  
**Lauren Rogers Museum of Art**  
**Laurel, MS**



# Keynote Speaker: Adam Trest

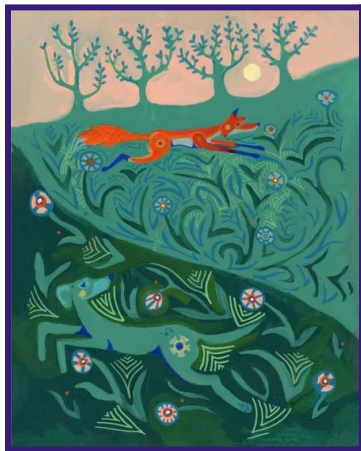
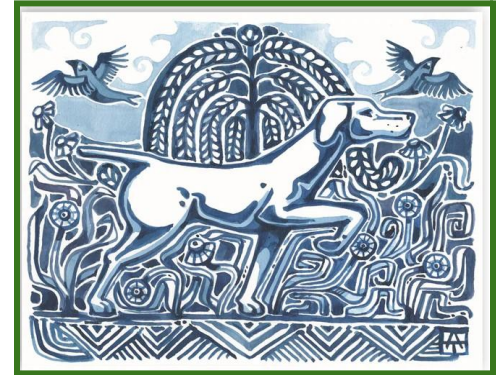


## About Adam Trest

My life has been a series of stories, stories that I now get to tell through visual expression. I grew up in the South, where stories are a way of life. They can range from folklore passed down for generations to an eventful trip to the grocery and everywhere in between. I was creating art before I even remember creating it, and that theme remains constant throughout my life. I found myself under the guidance of artists who pushed me creatively and technically. Early in my life, my mentors nurtured a sense of creativity that follows me to this day; in high school and on into college, I was challenged technically and creatively to become the artist I am today. After college, my professional life continued to mold me. As a set designer, I

worked on some amazing productions telling other people's stories. As a teacher, I taught students of every age, giving them the vocabulary they needed to tell their own stories. It took almost ten years to listen to what I had been teaching others and to begin telling my own story.

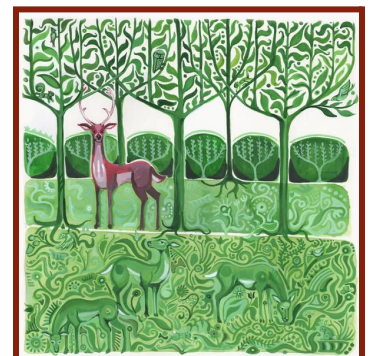
As the sun set on 2019, I found myself in a strange new place; I was finally creating work that excited me: work inspired by the flora and fauna of the South, the land where I grew up. I found myself working with longtime friends to create art that celebrated the stories of families. I found inspiration in folk art from around the world, using representational colors that created palettes I found stimulating. I began creating patterns, using motifs from artists I had studied for years, but now I used their language to create my own story. At that time, I began to find my rhythm, my style, and my voice.



Over the last few years, I have used my voice to tell many stories. I celebrated with families as they started new chapters of their lives by renovating old homes on HGTV's HomeTown. I illustrated the beautiful words of Erin Napier in *The Lantern House*, becoming a New York Times Bestselling Illustrator. I began to tell the story of my home state of Mississippi through an exhibition at the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience in Meridian, Mississippi. Most importantly, I have continued my story through my collections at the Caron Gallery, a place where even more stories come together and diverge through other



Mississippi artists. I am so excited for the future as I continue pushing myself into my craft, creating new and beautiful work as I find more stories to tell.



# Registration Information



The 2023 MAEA Spring Conference will feature a tour of the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art permanent collection and current special exhibits (Dale Chihuly's Laguna Murano Chandelier), keynote speech/introduction to Adam Trest's artwork, a optional morning walking tour of the town, and one full day of hands-on professional development workshops at the museum and at local artist workshops. Workshop choices will include a woodworking session at The Scotsman Co Woodworking shop, street print breakout session, sessions about the town's murals, and other workshops led by local Laurel artists. The museum tour will be Friday, March 24th, and the studio workshops will be hosted on Saturday, March 25th. All sessions are specifically geared to help Visual Arts teachers strengthen their teaching practices and show connections to the Mississippi Visual Arts Standards as well as give teachers opportunities to reflect, problem solve, and share new ideas and experiences. 1 CEU or 10 contact hours are available during this professional development conference.

## Registration Costs:

- Active Member - \$65
- Non Member - \$85
- CEU fee - \$10-15

You can receive a full refund until March 10th for a cancellation. After March 10th, all cancellations will be required to pay the registration fee. Register early to save your spot! Registration links will be emailed and posted on the MAEA Facebook page and website when available. All conference fees will need to be received by March 17th. Sessions will need to be picked but will only be made available after registration payment has been made.



# Conference Schedule

<b>Friday, March 24th, 2023</b> <b>Lauren Rogers Museum of Art</b> <b>565 N 5th Ave, Laurel, MS 39440</b>		
<b>3:30-4:00 pm</b>	Registration	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art
<b>4:00-6:00 pm</b>	Tour of the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art permanent collection and current special exhibits: Dale Chihuly's Laguna Murano Chandelier	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art
<b>6:30-8:00 pm</b>	MAEA Working Dinner and Art ( <b>Cost of dinner is not included in the conference fee</b> , but CEUs can be earned during this time.)	<b>Mimmo's</b> 312 Central Ave, Laurel, MS 39440

<b>Saturday, March 25th, 2023</b> <b>Lauren Rogers Museum of Art</b> <b>565 N 5th Ave, Laurel, MS 39440</b>		
<b>7:30-8:00 am</b>	Registration	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art
<b>8:00-11:00 am</b>	Studio Workshops	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art and Local Artist Studios
<b>11:00am-12:00pm</b>	Lunch & Learn (Boxed Lunch included in cost)	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art
<b>12:00-4:00 pm</b>	Studio Workshops Continued	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art and Local Artist Studios

