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Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival Announces 2020 Emerging Artists

PENSACOLA, FLA. – June 2, 2020 – The Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival has partnered with Artel Gallery to bring you a painter and a printmaker as our Emerging Artists.

Ivo Alcala said his focus is figure drawing and portraits. “I love classical painting, but I am stuck in a world of contemporary art,” he said. He uses mainly charcoal, water and one or two acrylic colors to achieve a wide range of tones and values, but has recently started using oil paints.

“After producing a handful of pieces with oils, I have discovered a whole new world of possibilities with painting,” he said. Alcala often shows his work at Artel Gallery and has won awards there.

Alcala will be sharing the Emerging Artists booth with Missy Graham.

Graham said most of her work consists of hand-pulled monotypes. “I was an apprentice of master printmaker Sumi Putnam for four years at the University of South Alabama,” she said. At the same time, she was a graphic design and photography student and learned the techniques of early digital printmaking. She has now combined those passions to become a modern printmaker.

This is the fifth year for the GGAF Emerging Artist Program, which is designed to introduce two artists to the outdoor festival experience and is sponsored by Artel Gallery.

As part of the Emerging Artist Grant, both Alcala and Graham will visit at least one school in either Escambia or Santa Rosa County to discuss their work with students.

For more information, visit www.ggaf.org.

The GGAF is Nov. 6, 7 and 8, 2020 in Seville Square in Historic Downtown Pensacola.

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