



## Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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### Realism Meets the Abstract Kentucky Artisan Center Opens Third “Reveal” Exhibit

**BEREA, Ky.** (Jan. 4, 2018) – The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea announces its third exhibit introducing two new artists in, “Reveal: David Stratton and Trent Altman.” This exhibit will open Jan. 13 and continue through April 30, 2018, in the lobby of the center. Both artists work in large two-dimensional formats.

David Stratton is professor of art and graphic design at Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky. He specializes in large format drawings in pen and ink. Stratton has presented over 30 solo exhibitions of his artwork. He is a 2007 Kentucky Arts Council “Al Smith Fellowship” recipient. The five drawings in this exhibit depict natural wooded scenes.

“My landscape imagery is based upon photos I take while hiking and birdwatching,” Stratton states. “These quiet compositions try to focus on the moment, and the textural beauty of both the image and the moment. My technique using ink lines on paper includes an overlapping cross hatch style and a wandering gestural line to create the final images. Each work typically has 1.5 miles of line length.”



*“The Bog” by David Stratton (42” x 58”)*

Trent Altman is a Louisville, Kentucky painter that specializes in colorful abstracts. Diagnosed with autism, Altman has been painting for 15 years and is a juried Kentucky Arts Council artist with many international awards. One of his paintings was selected as the design for the United Nations stamp in 2012. Two of his large format canvases are included in this exhibit.

Altman states, "I observe and absorb the setting, then take my emotions and convey them as images onto the canvas."

Altman's works convey color and texture through his use of acrylic paint and mixed media on canvas. This combination creates tones and surfaces that transmit motion and feeling in his landscape and abstract compositions.



*"Calm Ocean Waves" by Trent Altman (48" x 48")*

The Kentucky Artisan Center features works by more than 750 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits currently on display include, "Get Ready, Get Set: Multiples in Clay" through Feb. 24, 2018. For more information about events call 859-985-5448, go to the center's [website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#).

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



*Photos, left to right: "Rhythm of the Music" by Trent Altman and "Evergreen Corner" by David Stratton*