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New Exhibition Integrates Science and Arts

Mississippi: Lost and Found featuring Adam Trest opens July 26 at The MAX

MERIDIAN, Miss. (July 15, 2022) – The natural world around us has inspired the newest exhibition at the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience. *Mississippi: Lost and Found*, created by Adam Trest of Laurel, is a visual journal of his adventures while traveling across the state. The exhibition integrates the arts with science, exposing visitors to local flora and fauna.

The exhibit opens July 26 and is sponsored by the Tupelo-based Caron Gallery, which recently opened a second location in Laurel. The gallery represents Trest and dozens of other Mississippi artists.

Trest, a Mississippi State University graduate, has been a studio artist for over 10 years. His style is heavily influenced by early American and eastern European folk art, with flora and fauna inspiring the central theme of his work. “I choose to paint traditional Southern imagery in a whimsical illustrative style, and because of that, my work helps to tell people's story,” said Trest.



Trest is widely known for his work on HGTV’s *Home Town*, a home renovation show set in Laurel and starring Ben and Erin Napier. Prints of his art are also available for purchase at the Napiers’ Laurel Mercantile Co., as is *The Lantern House*, a children’s book written by Erin Napier and illustrated by Trest.

Mississippi: Lost and Found celebrates the magic found in each region of the state, sharing Trest’s adventures and memories in the form of paintings. The exhibition will be on display at The MAX from July 26-November 6, 2022.

“While his style is whimsical, I appreciate the innate spiritual undertones to his work,” said Stacey Peralta, Curator of Exhibitions at The MAX. “Adam Trest captures the spirit and the movement of the outside world in a way that celebrates the refuge of nature and brings about the feeling of peace.”

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About The MAX

The Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience explores the state's creative legacies in one immersive attraction. Come discover the Mississippi roots of some of the world's arts and entertainment icons – Elvis Presley, Oprah Winfrey, B.B. King, Faith Hill, Sela Ward, Margaret Walker, Eudora Welty, and Jim Henson, to name just a few.

Admission to the special exhibit is free with regular museum admission. The MAX is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The museum is located at the corner of Sela Ward Parkway (22nd Avenue) and Front Street, overlooking the railroad at the edge of Meridian's historic downtown. Street parking is available, with shops and restaurants within walking distance. For more information visit msarts.org or call 601-581-1550.

Image credit: *Pine Hills*, Adam Trest, acrylic on canvas, 2022

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