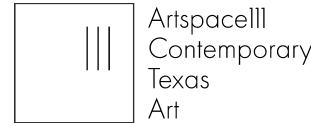


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Artspace111 Announces Jon Flaming's Solo Exhibition

BigBoldTexas

Jon Flaming

March 23 – June 2, 2024

Opening Reception

Artspace111

Fort Worth Art Dealers Association Spring Gallery Night

Saturday, March 23, 2024

12:00 - 9:00pm

Artist Talk

Artspace111

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

5:30-7:00pm

Artspace111 is proud to present the latest solo exhibition *BigBoldTexas* featuring artist Jon Flaming. Flaming creates large-scale canvases complete with larger-than-life characters that speak to vast and bold themes of the West. Honoring the rich history of ranch hands, farmers and tool pushers, Flaming's art draws on many influences: a mixed bag of styles from heroes of the genre like Remington, Russell, Dixon and Dunton. His style calls to mind a fresh take on primitive, outsider, folk, modern, contemporary and naive art. The spirit of the West is heroic, gritty and confident, but tenderly values family, generosity and community, themes all found within his work. Flaming's graphic style fuses iconic western palates and symbols like the cowboy or cowgirl, bucking broncos and rodeo regalia to create a distinct visual voice to capture the heart of the Lone Star State at large.

BigBoldTexas will be on view March 23 - June 2, 2024. Opening reception during Fort Worth Art Dealers Association Spring Gallery Night, Saturday March, 23 from 12-9pm. Visitors may also visit the gallery during regular gallery hours, Tuesday – Friday 11am -5pm, and Saturday 11am -2pm.

"Flaming's work lives and breathes the cultural aesthetic of the west. "

– Margery Gossett, Gallery Director Artspace111

About The Artist

Jon Flaming

He was born in Wichita, Kansas in 1962 and moved to Dallas with his family in 1968. Frequent visits to his grandparents' Kansas ranch made a strong impression and it was here that Jon first experienced small-town America and the surrounding rural landscape and began to capture its unique character with his camera and sketchbook. In 1985 Jon graduated from Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in design and for 30 years created award-winning images and branding campaigns for many clients including Neiman Marcus, PepsiCo and American Airlines. - His design work has been recognized and published by numerous organizations including *Communication Arts*, *Print Magazine*, *Graphis* and *The Society of Illustrators*. In 2017, Jon left the design world to pursue fine art full time. Primarily self-taught, Jon's work has been influenced by a number of artists including William Lester, Everett Spruce, Otis Dozier, Stuart Davis and Marsden Hartley. Jon works in oil, acrylic and found materials. His subjects are the people and places of the West - specifically West Texas - and his canvases are big and bold, much like the Lone Star State. Over the past several years, Stetson, Tecovas, The John Wayne Family and YETI have partnered with Jon and have licensed his work to help promote their brands. Jon's modern interpretation of the Western genre has earned him a loyal following of fans and collectors. His fine art resides in the collections of *The Amon Carter Museum* in Fort Worth, the *Tyler Museum of Art*, *The Grace Museum* in Abilene, the *San Angelo Museum of Fine Art* and the *Museum of the Southwest* in Midland. His work has been exhibited at the *National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum* in Oklahoma City and is also in many private and public collections and has been exhibited in numerous solo and group gallery shows. *BigBoldTexas* is Flaming's second solo exhibition with Artspace111. Jon Flaming lives with his wife and business partner, Kathy in Texas. Jon & Kathy's children and grandchildren all live close by.

About Artspace111

Located in downtown Fort Worth, Texas, Artspace111 specializes in the exhibition of Contemporary Texas Art. In 1980, twin brothers Daniel and Dennis Blagg established Artspace111, converting a historic 1911 building into artist studios and a small gallery space in order to support and celebrate the work of local artists. Since 2007, Margery Gossett has been the Owner/Director of Artspace111 and further developed the space into a celebrated and distinguished 3,000 square foot art gallery. In addition to the year-round schedule of solo and group exhibitions, Artspace111 designs corporate and private art collections for clients throughout the country and hosts special events in its distinctive gallery and sculpture gardens. Artspace111 is dedicated to making contemporary art approachable to individuals of all ages.

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BRONC RIDER, oil on canvas, 60 x 48", 2023.

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COWGIRL WITH WESTERN FRINGE, acrylic on canvas, 2023, 48 x 36".

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Four Summer Straws, oil on canvas, 60 x 48", 2023.

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