

Two Northwest artists open exhibits



Justin L'Amie's work can be seen this month at the Pendleton Center for the arts.

Pendleton Center for the Arts returning to regular business

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PENDLETON — July at the Pendleton Center for the Arts will begin to look as it did pre-pandemic—or close enough. The center will feature two new exhibits from Northwest contemporary artists, a live First Draft Writers' Series, and is opening up their First Draft Open Mic back to in-person readings.

In addition to the new exhibits, center director Roberta Lavadour recommends a visit to the Pendleton Foundation Trust Craft Gallery, which features work from some of the region's finest local artisans for purchase. This month features souvenirs highlighting Pendleton's classic Western charm.

FEATURED ART EXHIBITS

IVÁN CARMONA

Carmona describes their vibrant sculptures as emotional connections being "passed through the sieve of modernism." Expect to find bright pieces saturated with color that evoke feelings of nostalgia, longing, and authenticity.

Director Lavadour remarked that Carmona's work is heavily influenced by their Puerto Rican upbringing, and that their pieces are essentially non-representational memories and experiences.

Carmona currently works out of Portland and is a represented artist of PDX Contemporary art, a commercial gallery located in the Pearl District.

JUSTIN L'AMIE

In L'Amie's work, *Back-To-Naturism* (Noble Savagism), the artist attributes their contemporary still-life pieces to Nature and Love.

In a statement pertaining to their work, L'Amie describes civilization's current interactions with nature as "contrived, unstoppable, and abrasive." Their watercolors are dreamy, clean representations of nature and ask us to rethink our own relationship with the natural world. Like Carmona, L'Amie is also a represented artist of PDX Contemporary art.

Both artists' work will be featured at the Pendleton Center for the Arts for the duration of July.



Ivan Carmona is a featured artist at the Pendleton Center for the Arts in July. (Submitted)

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an Art Center East fundraiser
featuring work from the late artist Craig Canoy
& other regional artists

July 9 - September 4, 2021



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Opening Reception
Friday, July 9 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm