

## Meditative Reflections Exhibition Opens at John Wayne Airport

**(SANTA ANA, CA)** – On view from October 18<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the John Wayne Airport Arts Program presents *Meditative Reflections*. This group exhibition brings together seven Orange County-based abstract artists Jim Ellsberry, Patrice Goldberg, E.E. Jacks, Sonja Krastman, Tanya Lozano, Erin Schalk, and Thomas Wright.

Much like the practice of meditation, working abstractly challenges the artist to wipe away all pre-conceived notions of what is and what should be, and creates space for them to reflect upon their deepest hopes and intentions.



*Etna and I*, E.E. Jacks, Oil, 2021

As they apply layer after layer of paint and other media, the artist quiets their mind and allows the nuance of meaning to flow onto the canvas, bringing forth new revelations. Meditations do not always flow smoothly, however, sometimes powerful epiphanies come crashing through the serene landscape of the mind, splashing passion and energy onto the canvas.



*Free to Be*, Sonja Krastman, Acrylic on Wood Panel, 2022

For some artists, it's the journey itself rather than the destination that it is the goal of creating these masterful works. Whereas other artists featured in this exhibition seek to explore specific poignant themes through their reflections.



*In Balance with Nature #55*, Thomas Wright, Acrylic and Ink on Canvas, 2022

The paintings of Thomas Wright seek to find the balance between the needs of the natural world and the desires of the human race. While photographer Erin Schalk creates profound abstract portraits of disability that evoke understanding and celebration. And Sonja Krastman revisits her childhood and heritage through vaguely familiar landscapes. However, by operating in these non-representational methods, the artists ultimately empower the viewers to take away reflections of themselves.

The entire collection of work is viewable pre-security. Paintings span from the upper Departure Level near security in Terminals A, B, and C and on the lower Arrivals Level by Baggage Carousels 2 and 4.

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