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December's Gallery Night Event Is The Last One of The Decade! Featuring Sculptor Lou Mitchell Courtney and Downtown Holiday Lights

On Friday, December 20 from 5pm-9pm followed by an after pARTy, 9pm-11pm, Gallery Night Pensacola will welcome Christmas with artists, Santa, Pensacola Winterfest, live music and dance holiday performances, a new World of Beer sponsored artist tent and more all draped in the twinkling holiday lights along the streets of Downtown Pensacola. Come and celebrate the last Gallery Night Pensacola event of the decade!

Gallery Night Pensacola will also include the work of artist Lou Mitchell Courtney. "My sculptures are sometimes simply representations of the beauty I see in the world. At other times they are a reflection of my inner world, an exploration of mortality and vulnerability," said Courtney. "The figurative series 'Cannonballers' are about letting go of self limiting beliefs and encouraging us to 'JUMP' into joy. The heart rattles encourage us to 'pay attention'. Most recently, a new series is emerging about manifesting our fears in order to evolve from them."

Courtney has worked in many different mediums and scales, painting miniatures on mother of pearl, designing & sculpting prototypes for cast furniture & accessories, painting backdrops for theatre & interior design murals, sculpting & casting small bronze figures, and designing public art sculpture. Her primary focus since 2003 has been sculpting in clay.

Originally from North Carolina, she moved to Pensacola, Florida in 1992. She currently teach hand building at First City Art Center and locally her work can be seen at Blue Morning Gallery.

Gallery Night events bring “Art To The Streets.” With the expansion of the artists area, the event now includes more than 35 fine artists, and craftsman, five food trucks, kids activities in the new family friendly zone within Jefferson and Intendencia streets and live music venues. Artistic mediums to include glass, paint, woodworking, jewelry, and mixed media. In addition to arts and activities, downtown restaurants, galleries and shops will be open extended hours encouraging patrons to come and explore our award winning downtown.

Participating Downtown Pensacola merchants and businesses: Al Fresco, Badlands, Artel Gallery, Blend Lounge, Blue Morning Gallery, Bluejay’s Bakery, Dog House Deli, CoWork @nnex, Urban Swinery, Hopjacks, Pot Roast & Pinot, Intermission, Jackson’s Steakhouse, Play, O’Riley’s Irish Pub, Seville Quarter, Shux Oyster Bar, Jeweler’s Trade Shop, The Tin Cow, V Paul’s, Wild Greg’s Saloon, World of Beer, Jordan Valley Restaurant, Legal Graffiti sponsored by Zarzaur Law, P.A., Cigar Factory Pensacola, Belle Ame’, The Wine Bar, Casks and Flights Wine Tasting Room, Cactus Cantina, Travel Leaders Pensacola, Nom Sushi Izakaya, Angelena’s Ristorante Italiano, SaBai on Jefferson, Disko Lemonade, Stay the Spa, The Blowout Bar, Old City Market, Properly Posh Baby, Bodacious Bookstore & Cafe, Clark Partington, Bear Levin Studer Family YMCA, Vinyl Music Hall, Global Grill and Southtowne Apartments.

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About Gallery Night Pensacola

The mission of Gallery Night Pensacola is an engaging cultural community event that takes the “Art to the Streets” where visitors can connect with the unique Culture of Pensacola.

Through this 501c3 non-profit organization, individual artists will have the opportunity to

showcase their talent, area arts organizations will host public performances and demonstrations, downtown businesses will enhance the downtown experience and other community non-profits will add to the Gallery Night experience.