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## **Gallery Night Celebrates the Written Word!**

Featuring over 60 Local Artists

PENSACOLA, Fla. (March 17th, 2023) — On Friday, March 17th, from 5 – 9 pm, Gallery Night Pensacola "Celebrates the Written Word!" Join us and share in the festivities by celebrating our local authors, poets, and singer songwriters.

Gallery Night is an all-ages, community, arts, and cultural event on the third Friday of each month from 5 – 9 pm. Our unique monthly themes set the tone for each event's art, performers, musical performance stages, and activities that are sure to please. Our monthly events are made possible by Publix, our excellent community partner.

Gallery Night's March Featured Artist is Jamey Jones. Jones is the author of several chapbooks, including *the notebook troubled the sleepdoor*, *Twelve Windows*, *In The Key of Clothespin*, and the full-length books *Blue Rain Morning* and *morning coffee from the other side*. His poem, "Radio Shenandoah" was nominated for a Pushcart Prize in 2015 and his work has been published in various journals such as *Zen Monster*, *Fell Swoop*, *Mundane Egg*, *The Brooklyn Rail*, and *Brooklyn Paramount*. He is the editor of Rachael Pongetti's *Uncovering The Layers: The Pensacola Graffiti Bridge Project*, and the faculty editor of *Hurricane Review*, the national literary journal of Pensacola State College, where he teaches English, Literature, and Poetry. From 2014 to 2020 Jones served as the Northwest Florida Poet Laureate (Everybody Press, 2023). Stop by the Featured Artist tent located at the corner of Palafox & Romana to visit with Jones, purchase a book, and view some multi-media compositions by Rachel Pongetti featuring Jones' written word, also available for purchase.

This month, we welcome Katie Dineen Sings, founder of the Pensacola Songwriter Rounds Series, who brings Love Brynnevere, and other local musicians to celebrate the written word with us in song. Catch them on the Garden Street Main Stage throughout the evening from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Gallery Night's extensive art zones will be hosting over 60 local artisans along Palafox Street at this month's event. Don't miss our newest addition - Gallery Night's Market Zone, located at Government Street across from Ferdinand Plaza. Event patrons have more shopping opportunities when visiting our artists' open-air tents along the streetside presenting the chance to find those unique treasures and gifts for you, your family, and loved ones.

Find event features: Legal Graffiti, sponsored by Zarzaur Law at Romana and Palafox, and venture a bit more south to the Youth Music Project Stage, sponsored by Stevenson Klotz, at the corner of Palafox and Government.

Participating downtown bars and restaurants are open and serving guests. Additionally, local shops and galleries will remain open late, providing the opportunity to shop for additional unique gifts and wares.

Artel Gallery's exhibit *The Seven Deadly Sins* opens March 10th. Artel keeps their doors open late every Gallery Night for event patrons to stop in and view current exhibits. If you are lucky, you just may catch a special reading by Jones there in the President's Office during Gallery Night. Keep an eye on our social media for more information.

Gallery Night Pensacola's Board of Directors encourages mask usage for those who are not vaccinated or are at high health risk.

Those interested can find more information and updates on artists, performers, special events, sponsors, and more on Gallery Night's social media pages and website ([gallerynightpensacola.org](http://gallerynightpensacola.org)). GNP's website offers an interactive event map, artist list, performance schedule, and more.