

Dancing Alligators, Mermaid Kitties and Other Extraordinary Creatures: Zoe Murkovich



McKinley Arts and Culture Center: **Gallery East**

March 30 – May 8, 2015

Reception: **April 2, 5:00-7:00pm**

McKinley Gallery East hosts drawings and paintings by nine year old artist Zoe Murkovich. *Dancing Alligators, Mermaid Kitties and Other Extraordinary Creatures* features abstract acrylic paintings and drawings of real and imagined creatures. Zoe's process starts with pencil and paper. Once she has laid down the initial form her works are scanned and edited by Zoe with Photoshop to add color. For her abstract works, Zoe will layer thick acrylic paint and then strategically scrape away parts to reveal the structure of the piece. Zoe is fascinated with the textures that different utensils, mainly from the kitchen, can create in her works. For Zoe, the abstract paintings allow the viewer to bring their own sensibilities to each piece, seeing something new and different in the colors and forms. Zoe loves the artwork of Edward Gorey, Maurice Sendak, Gary Larson and Dr. Suess. Her artwork is influenced by her love of animals, with proceeds from sales benefiting the Animal Ark Wildlife Sanctuary.

"I like to draw dinosaurs and alligators. Dancing ones. And cats and horses... sometimes donkeys...well, pretty much every animal. I like to draw with pencils the most." Zoe Murkovich

Zoe recently won a drawing contest in Nevada County for their "Pick up the Poop" campaign. Her winning sign will be located at dozens of trailheads throughout the community encouraging people to pick up after their pets. Zoe attends the Nevada Sage Waldorf School and would like to be an artist, farmer, and homeless advocate when she grows up. To see more of Zoe's work visit her website: <http://www.zoescreatures.com/>

McKinley Arts and Culture Center hosts two gallery spaces. Located on the river walk, McKinley Galleries East and West show talented artists from the Great Basin and beyond. To learn more please visit: <http://renoculture.com>

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Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

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