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Art Exhibition by Rybczynski, Skovron and Sybert Opens March 25 at Roland Park Presbyterian Church

A painting exhibition by Sandy Rybczynski, Walter Skovron and Bonnie Sybert opens March 25 with a free reception from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Roland Park Presbyterian Church (RPPC), Roland Park, MD. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibition ‘Human / Nature’ features oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings and will be on display until May 1. More information about the exhibition can be found at: rolandparkchurch.org/serve/art-exhibitions

In this inaugural ‘Human / Nature’ art exhibition at RPPC, Rybczynski, Skovron and Sybert explore their connections to the world around them. Experiences and emotions, ideas and sensations are transferred to canvas and paper. Arranged by the artists in the newly renovated first floor gathering spaces of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church, ‘Human / Nature’ invites a sense of wonder about the world and our place in it.

RPPC member Sandy Rybczynski began her artistic study learning botanical drawing at the Lasdon Arboretum in Katonah, NY from Laura Gould. Inspired by her 2014 move to Baltimore, she began studying oil painting with David Good, Beth DeLoiselle and Hans Guerin at the Schuler School of Fine Art and now works with Carol Lee Thompson at Zoll Studio. Her work has been shown at Crystal Moll Gallery, the Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society shows at Strathmore, and other galleries in Maryland and Virginia. While Rybczynski began oil painting with landscapes, she was also attracted to the soulfulness of animals. More recently she has been working on portraits that include the streets and surroundings where people interact to combine all three disciplines.

As a church member, Rybczynski was instrumental in bringing this exhibition to life. “Our church is always looking for ways to practice hospitality and be a good neighbor, to use our gifts in service to others. We had walls and space that allowed us to offer this exhibition to the community. I was more than happy to volunteer!” says Rybczynski.

Walter Skovron is an artist living in Baltimore. Prior to becoming an artist, Skovron worked as a creative designer in the flower industry for 48 years. When Covid forced retirement, Skovron turned his creativity toward painting. His acrylic abstract paintings are fused with his past experiences and love for nature. He hopes that his paintings uplift and distract others from more negative experiences. When asked about the exhibition, Skovron said, “Challenged by brilliant color and movement on canvas, liking or disliking, understanding or not understanding, whatever the person’s relationship, it is formed for that moment with that work of art.”

Baltimore native, Bonnie Sybert, is a versatile, award-winning watercolorist whose favorite subjects are seascapes and landscapes. She’s a signature member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society. Sybert’s work has been featured in numerous exhibitions, collections and shows throughout Maryland and Delaware since 1999. While admitting the difficulty of her medium, Sybert is nonetheless enamored with its transparency and glow. “I love capturing the beauty of seascapes and landscapes, capturing the atmosphere through light and shadows, and particularly the movement in the sky,” said Sybert.

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The congregation of Roland Park Presbyterian Church is excited to host this exhibition, which they hope will be the first in a series of rotating shows that will connect and enrich the community. Much of the work will be for sale. A percentage of profits will go toward RPPC mission partner, the Charter City Springs Elementary/Middle School located at 100 S. Caroline Street for the purchase of paperbacks to be distributed throughout the school year to their students. This effort will promote home libraries and encourage the students to build and value their own personal book collections.

“As a church whose mission is to pursue justice, practice hospitality and engage curious faith, we are thankful for this opportunity to share the gifts of these artists with the wider community,” said RPPC Pastor Mark Hanna. Pastor Hanna invites visitors not only to view the paintings but also to appreciate and reflect upon their own connections with the world. Says Hanna, “As an earth care congregation, ‘Human / Nature’ certainly inspires us thematically and we are even more touched that these artists have agreed to donate a percentage of sales to a deserving mission partner.”



La Napolitana by Sandy Rybczynski

Background on Roland Park Presbyterian Church

Roland Park Presbyterian Church is a local community of faith that was founded in 1901. RPPC is an inclusive and welcoming member congregation of the [Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#) and [More Light Presbyterians](#) as well as an [Earth Care](#) and [Matthew 25](#) Congregation that is pursuing justice, practicing hospitality and engaging curious faith. RPPC worships together each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit www.RolandParkChurch.org to learn more.

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