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ARIZONA ARTISTS GILAT BEN-DOR & JASON HUGGER FEATURED IN NEW PHOENIX EXHIBITION, SAPIENT SOJOURNS

A surreal, colorful art exhibit opens at the Olney Gallery at Phoenix's historic Trinity Cathedral

PHOENIX, ARIZONA, May 15 — Phoenix-based artists Gilat Ben-Dor and Jason Hugger are featured in an upcoming 2-person exhibition, Sapien Sojourns, at the Olney Gallery, an art gallery inside the historic Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Phoenix. Curated by the gallery's director, Manny Burrue, this exhibit is inspired by both Ben-Dor's and Hugger's interpretations of surreal and colorful dream worlds.

Ben-Dor says, "Sapien" has a dual meaning, pertaining both to wisdom and the essence of humanity. This term encapsulates both my inner journey and the literal one of life. Having lived on four continents, I have gathered a varied visual lexicon that combines into this body of work, which includes opulent textures, colors, and repeating themes of pomegranates, cypress trees, and architectural elements from antiquity. My hope is that this rich and ornamental aesthetic invokes joy, passion, and peaceful delight against the sobering heaviness in our current world."

Hugger adds, "Sapien Sojourns reflects my work in this exhibition by connecting a long absent human presence with ancient wisdom and bygone civilizations. The images portrayed in my work show the vibrancy of places which once occupied these foreign worlds, and although now abandoned, each world the viewer is taken to still possesses a character and a presence echoing through time while leading the viewer into each locality."

Sapien Sojourns runs from May 26-June 28, 2023, with an opening reception (free and open to the public) on Friday, June 2, from 6-9 pm. The Olney Gallery at Trinity Cathedral is located at 100 W. Roosevelt St, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

About the Artists: To learn more about each artist, visit their individual websites and social media profiles. For Gilat Ben-Dor, visit gilatbendor.com and her Instagram: @gilatbendor
For Jason Hugger, visit jasonhuggerart.com and his Instagram: @jasonhuggerart

Artist headshots and artwork images for both artists, plus the digital exhibit flyer, can be saved/downloaded from Ben-Dor's website (under News > Press Releases). Please contact the artist with any questions.

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