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O‘ahu artist Nick Kuchar to open first store in Kailua Town

November 5th, 2020 - O‘ahu-based artist Nick Kuchar will open his first brick-and-mortar store, Nick Kuchar Art & Design Co., on November 11th in the heart of Kailua Town’s commercial district. Located at 629 Kailua Road Suite 120, adjacent to Whole Foods, the shop will be open 10am to 6pm Monday-Saturday and from 11am to 4pm on Sundays.

Known for charming, vintage-inspired surf and travel art depicting our favorite locations in Hawai‘i, Kuchar’s new shop will be a gallery for his full catalog of art. Shoppers will find framed original work, limited editions, travel prints and canvas-wrapped giclées as well as merchandise sporting his colorful illustrations, including hats, tote bags, note cards, insulated water bottles and beach towels. The shop will also feature various hand-picked vintage items that complement Nick’s delightfully mid-century modern aesthetic.

“I love the emotional connections created through my artwork and the ability to connect with our customers about favorite locations in our islands,” said Kuchar. “Without any in-person events this year we realized it was something we really missed. An established location for us will help to tell the story of my artistic process along with creating a fun and safe environment to share those stories with kama‘āina and our island guests.”

“We chose Kailua Town because it has a great sense of community,” Kuchar explained. “Having the ocean and Ko‘olau Mountains so close by is a constant source of inspiration and a perfect outdoor playground.”

“We are pleased that Nick decided to open his first store in Kailua Town,” said Sheila-Anne Ebert, director, asset management for property owner Alexander & Baldwin. “His playful art and community mindfulness are a great fit for Kailua’s casual beach-town lifestyle, and we look forward to welcoming this local small business to the neighborhood.”

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About Nick Kuchar

O’ahu based artist Nick Kuchar creates surf and travel art inspired by the early days of surfing and beach culture, including the vintage color palette, typography and nostalgia that goes with it. Looking for inspiration paddling out at surf breaks and going on hikes, his creative process spans favorite locations and activities around the Hawaiian Islands and the ‘āina he has called home since 2005. Taking onsite sketches and photographs into his studio, Kuchar uses a mix of acrylic washes and digital illustration to bring his vision of these locales to life. He has collaborated on projects with Patagonia, Hawaiian Airlines, Jamba Juice and OluKai footwear company, among others, and he was the official artist for the 2018 Molokai to O’ahu Paddleboard Race. Recently, Kuchar created a large wall illustration for the lobby of the newly remodeled Queen Kapi’olani Hotel.