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**Archway Gallery presents
*Urban Observations***

Featuring the New Collection of Encaustic Paintings by Joel Anderson

Exhibition January 4 – 30, 2020

Opening Reception

DATE: Saturday, January 4, 2020

TIME: 5 – 8 p.m.

Artist Talk, 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: [Archway Gallery](http://www.archwaygallery.com),
2305 Dunlavy,
Houston, Texas 77006

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Paws Up
by Joel Anderson

Houston, Texas (November 15, 2019) ... Archway Gallery presents *Urban Observations*, featuring the new collection of encaustic paintings by Joel Anderson, on view January 4 – 30, 2020.

The artist will be on hand to visit with guests during the exhibition opening reception on Saturday, January 4, from 5 – 8 p.m. at the gallery. There will be an Artist Talk at 6:30 p.m.

Big and bold. These words describe Houston, as well as Joel Anderson's newest collection of works in his third show at Archway Gallery.

In this exhibition, you'll see Houston through Anderson's eyes -- what he sees while driving about town and taking walks through the Houston Heights. There are new perspectives on the downtown skyline which has become a signature series for Anderson, as well as things that interest him in one way or another, including the tree canopies, cellphone towers, and, yes, the gargoyles that inhabit the Bayou City.

"Preparing for this exhibition was like a treasure hunt in some ways," says Anderson. "Where exactly does one stand to get compositionally great images of our city? Realizing I needed to get above the trees and power lines for some of the shots that I wanted, I bought a drone and became an FAA-certified drone pilot."

Anderson continues, “I also wanted to go big in this collection, and that meant scaling everything up, from my workspace, techniques, processes, and framing decisions, to even trading in my SUV for a van to accommodate the bigger pieces.”

Encaustic painting -- beeswax mixed with damar resin -- was practiced by Greek artists as far back as the 5th century B.C.E. A mid-20th century revival, including works by Diego Rivera and Jasper Johns, brought encaustic painting back into prominence. Anderson’s creative process incorporates modern digital methods into the ancient medium.

Anderson maintains a studio at The Silos on Sawyer and is a frequent exhibitor on the local art fair circuit, including the Bayou City Arts Festival and the First Saturday Arts Market.



by Joel Anderson



H-Town Skyline 104
by Joel Anderson

ABOUT ARCHWAY GALLERY *Artist owned and operated since 1976.* Archway Gallery, one of Houston’s, and the nation’s, oldest artist-owned and operated galleries, is located at 2305 Dunlavy and is open Monday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 – 5 p.m. Since 1976, Archway Gallery has been exhibiting the work of the area’s finest artists, providing a great selection of affordable, high quality art including sculpture, pottery and painting in a variety of media and styles. One of the more than 30 member artists is always on site, providing visitors a unique opportunity to meet the artists who created the work, offering a personal insight into the process. Each month features a special exhibition highlighting member artist(s). The public is invited to the monthly opening receptions that celebrate the new installations and work, usually held the first Saturday of each month from 5 – 8 p.m. In addition to monthly exhibitions, Archway also hosts a variety of demonstrations and monthly readings for local writers and authors, as well as a “Tea and Tour” program, providing visitors with a free artist-led tour of the current exhibition, followed by tea and refreshments. With 30 artist-members, Archway Gallery is THE destination in the Houston area for affordable art directly from the artist. For more information, visit ArchwayGallery.com or call 713.522.2409. Like Archway Gallery on Facebook.