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**January's Gallery Night Pensacola Celebrates The Lunar New Year!**  
Featuring Artist Julie McGrath, Chinese Lanterns, Dragons, and More

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On Friday, January 18 from 5pm-9pm followed by an after pARTy, 9pm-11pm, Gallery Night Pensacola will celebrate the Lunar New Year! UWF's International Programs and the office of Equity and Diversity have teamed up with Gallery Night Pensacola to celebrate the Year of the pig with more than 250 Chinese Lanterns hanging above the streets of Downtown Pensacola. This month's theme features artistic performances, cultural demonstrations and activities for children.

Gallery Night Pensacola will also include the work of Illustrator and graphic artist Julie McGrath. She grew up in Massachusetts and attended the University of Massachusetts at Boston, earning a bachelor's degree in Art focusing in Art History. From there she went on to focus her studies on Illustration and Design earning a Master of Arts degree in Illustration Design from Savannah College of Art and Design.

Forever amazed by the pages of Vogue and the work of designers like Giambattista Valli, Marc Jacobs and Dior she finds inspiration in creating their intricate designs on paper. With a profound love of fashion and art her studies of Valli and Dior bring both worlds together.

When she is not staring at pages of Vogue, Julie finds inspiration in the people around her and twisting proportions. Her illustration work is reflective of her fascination of people watching, the cultural conventions of beauty mixed with a bit of humor. She also finds creativity and inspiration in the imaginations of her children.

Recently, Julie completed her second Master of Arts degree at SCAD, this time in Art Administration. Julie teaches in the Visual Arts Department at Pensacola State College and in the Humanities Department at Southern New Hampshire University. She continues to evolve and nurture her style, while also obsessing over the latest runway show.

Gallery Night events bring “Art To The Streets” with 30 fine artists, craftsman, five food trucks, and live music venues. Artistic mediums to include glass, paint, woodworking, jewelry, and mixed media. In addition to arts and activities, downtown restaurants, galleries and shops will be open extended hours encouraging patrons to come and explore our award winning downtown.

Participating Downtown Pensacola merchants and businesses: Al Fresco, Badlands, Beef O’ Brady’s, Artel Gallery, Indigeaux, Blend Lounge, Blue Morning Gallery, Dog House Deli, CoWork @nnex, Urban Swinery, Hopjacks, Pot Roast & Pinot, Intermission, Jackson’s Steakhouse, Play, O’Riley’s Irish Pub, One Palafox Place, Seville Quarter, Shux Oyster Bar, Jeweler’s Trade Shop, The Tin Cow, V Paul’s, Wild Greg’s, World of Beer, Jordan Valley Restaurant, Legal Graffiti sponsored by Zarzaur Law, P.A., Cigar Factory Pensacola, Belle Ame’, The Pensacola Merchant, The Wine Bar, Casks and Flights Wine Tasting Room, and Nom Sushi Izakaya.

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For more information visit [gallerynightpensacola.org](http://gallerynightpensacola.org).

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**About Gallery Night Pensacola**

The mission of Gallery Night Pensacola is an engaging cultural event that takes the "Art to the Streets" where visitors can connect with the unique Culture of Pensacola.

Through this non-profit organization, individual artists will have the opportunity to showcase their talent, area arts organizations will host public performances and demonstrations, downtown businesses will enhance the downtown experience and other community non-profits will add to the Gallery Night experience.