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## Celebrate "STEAMpunk!" during Gallery Night's February Event!

Featuring over 60 Local Artists, Performers, and STEAM Non-Profits

PENSACOLA, Fla. (Feb 24, 2023) — On Friday, February 24th, from 5 - 9 pm, Gallery Night Pensacola's theme is "STEAMpunk!" Gallery Night Pensacola calls ALL Sci-fi Enthusiasts, Comic Book Fanatics, & STEAMpunks! to join us for an evening of festivities formed by a collision of genres!

Gallery Night is an all-ages, community, arts, and cultural event on the third Friday of each month from 5-9 pm. This month only Gallery Night is taking place on the fourth Friday! Our unique monthly themes set the tone for each event's art, performers, musical performance stages, and activities that are sure to please. Our monthly events are made possible by Publix, our excellent community partner.

What happens when Gallery Night coincides with PENSACON and STEAM 2023? 'STEAMpunk!' happens!!! Come dressed and ready to display your costuming talents from Star Trek to gears. Venture downtown Palafox Street with us, but you will not want to hit warp speed! This month we are showcasing local non-profits, fan art, and artists who bridge the worlds of art and science, celebrating STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics! We promise something for everyone.

Gallery Night welcomes local non-profits: the IHMC, Institute for Human Machine Cognition, Pensacola Mess Hall, and more. Additionally, we welcome local artist Eniko Ujj to speak with

Gallery Night patrons about the UWF Pensacola Museum of Art and the S.E.A Makerspace STEAM exhibit, on view during Gallery Night from 5-7 pm.

The STEAM exhibition at UWF's Pensacola Museum of Art is a community-centered, educational experience engaging contemporary art with science and new technologies. Artwork on display investigates concepts related to the environment, biology, digital interfaces, and speculative fictions/imagined futures. Exhibiting artists challenge narratives of human ecologies and offer exciting insights into transdisciplinary processes. You have until April 9th to make sure and catch this steamy exhibit.

Gallery Night's February Featured Artist is Caroline Erb. Erb is a graduate of the Alabama School of Fine Arts and is currently earning her BFA from the University of West Florida. Utilizing drawing, ceramics, and fiber art, Erb explores her relationship with herself, others, and the natural environment of the Southeast United States. Please stop by the Featured Artist Tent, at the intersection of Palafox and Romana, to meet and view her work.

Gallery Night's Artist Zones are growing and are bigger than ever with the addition of our Market Zone located on Government Street just across from Plaza Ferdinand. Our events are now hosting over 60 local artisans during our event! Visit the numerous art zones composed of individual open-air artists' tents along the street. You never know exactly what unique treasures and gifts you will find for you, your family, and loved ones.

Find event features and information at Gallery Night's Information Tent on Palafox just north of Romana Street. Gallery Night's mainstay features Legal Graffiti, sponsored by Zarzaur Law, can be found at Romana and Palafox. If you venture a bit more south, you will find the Youth Music Project Stage, sponsored by Stevenson Klotz, at the corner of Palafox and Government.

Participating Friends of Gallery Night-downtown bars and restaurants- are open and serving guests. Additionally, local shops and galleries remain open late to event patrons, providing the opportunity to shop for additional unique gifts and wares.

Gallery Night Pensacola's Board of Directors encourages mask usage for those who are not vaccinated or are at high health risk.

Those interested can find more information and updates on artists, performers, special events, sponsors, and more on Gallery Night's social media pages and website (gallerynightpensacola.org). GNP's website offers an interactive event map, artist list, performance schedule, and more.

### About Gallery Night Pensacola

The mission of Gallery Night Pensacola is an engaging cultural community event that takes the "Art to the Streets" where visitors can connect with the unique Culture of Pensacola. Through this 501c3 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.