

Flowers Fill The Walls of Royse Contemporary with "The Echo of Nature"

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Phoenix based artist Daniel Shepherd has created a riveting new collection of vintage collages currently on view at Royse Contemporary in Old Town Scottsdale. For his new solo exhibition "The Echo of Nature", Shepherd wanted to work with something considered universally beautiful, flowers. This brilliant new body of work captures that essence, offering a familiar recall running through the work along with the artist's intention and desire to highlight the pure beauty of nature.



Over the last four years, Shepherd and Royse have collaborated on exciting exhibitions that showcase the artist's unique and often outlandish vintage collages captivating new audiences along the way. This new work showcases the evolution of Shepherd's style while maintaining its energy, distinctive voice and element of surprise that engages his viewer's senses.



Gallery View of Shepherd's "The Echo of Nature" at Royse Contemporary

"Flowers are something that folks deliberately bring into their lives because they are beautiful, or give as a gift to someone they love," states Shepherd who goes on to say "Nature echoes over and over again, the same flowers bloom, the leaves fall and return, the snow falls then melts into our water, year after year." The artist utilizes many of the same images in his work, which he presents in various ways as a sort of tribute to the repetition of nature that is found throughout life.



Shepherd's Vintage Collage on Repurposed Wood Panels

His process begins with ripped faded scraps of paper, graceful yet unusual images that he then collages onto a smooth freshly sanded wood or repurposed, hand distressed vintage book cover. His organic style allows him to combine a variety of images to create original and interesting work. Producing his collages entirely from repurposed materials really excites Shepherd because he enjoys the idea of these "things" which once served a specific use now years later reused for something completely different.

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Artist Daniel Shepherd with his latest collection "The Echo of Nature"

Shepherd is a self-taught artist based in Phoenix who is creating fascinating abstract paintings and collages. His work has been featured in numerous publications both online and in print including Phoenix Magazine, Visual Art Source, Arizona Foothills Magazine, Phoenix New Times, Yab Yum Music & Art and Localrevibe. His work is included in private collections around the world and he has exhibited his work extensively throughout Arizona and Palm Springs California. Recently Shepherd has exhibited at Chartreuse Gallery, {9} The Gallery, Bokeh Gallery, Willo North Gallery, and is currently represented by Royse Contemporary.



Shepherd's Vintage Collages on Repurposed Book Covers

Experience Shepherd's work first hand this evening during the weekly Thursday night Scottsdale Artwalk from 6-9pm. "The Echo of Nature" will be on view through Sunday, June 3 2018. Royse Contemporary is located in the Marshall Square complex at 7077 E. Main Street, Suite 6, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 (located on the south side of Main Street just west of Marshall Way). For more information about Daniel Shepherd or Royse Contemporary visit roysecontemporary.com.

