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ATHENS' NEWEST GALLERY OPENS WITH EXHIBITION SEPTEMBER 6TH

Central Nervous Breakdown: Solo Exhibition by local artist Will Lineberger Eskridge

[Athens, GA, August 27, 2019] tiny ATH gallery, Athens' newest gallery, will open its doors on Friday, September 6 from 6-9 pm for its first gallery opening featuring the art of local animal artist Will Lineberger Eskridge. His exhibition will feature a brand-new body of work entitled *Central Nervous Breakdown*.

"*Central Nervous Breakdown* is an exploration into the evolution of self-awareness and what it means to be a sentient being," says Eskridge. In this series, he taps into his abstract expressionist roots and brings his painterly and brightly colored textures to his canvases.

Throughout his process, the question going through Eskridge's head has been: "What does it mean to be a sentient being?" As an animal artist, he speculates about whether beings with a central nervous system are more sentient than those without. He believes "there are secrets to animals that we, as humans, can't comprehend." As Eskridge explores these thoughts, he's unlocking layers that can crack codes unveiling nuances through science and technology. "We can speculate with scientific knowledge, but no one knows exactly what the animal is experiencing, except for the animal," Eskridge says.

His exhibition, *Central Nervous Breakdown*, is a celebration of these mysteries. Eskridge layers thick paint to create a visual and actual texture like the layers of mysteries behind the animal kingdom. "Vibrant colors echo the vigor of nature and persistence to survive," he says. He uses his contoured lines, which overlap each other, to give a faint depiction of an animal mimicking humans' explorations in understanding the world.

Eskridge, originally from Kings Mountain, North Carolina, attended the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, School of Visual Arts/Savannah and earned his B.F.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts from San Francisco Art Institute in 1999. With a father as a veterinarian and an artist mother, Will's affinity for animals and art began when he was in preschool. Eskridge's work is in both private and public collections in Athens, Atlanta, Raleigh, Nashville, New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, China, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. After roaming the southeast, Eskridge now works as a full-time artist and resides in Athens, GA with his wife, son, and their many dogs and cats.

The purpose of tiny ATH gallery is to provide a space to show and promote local artists, and Will Lineberger Eskridge embodies the local artistic lifeblood in his painterly and worldly explorations. The gallery is excited about being able to show this new body of work, *Central Nervous Breakdown*. The opening happening Friday, September 6th starting at 6 pm will be held at the new tiny ATH gallery located at 174 Cleveland Ave. There is limited parking available at the gallery, but street parking is available along Pulaski St. and further down Cleveland Ave. This event is free and open to the public.

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