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Family Physicians Take Over Denver's Historic Dos Chappell Bathhouse in Washington Park to Showcase "Paints and Prints" Artwork

Duo-Art Show Heals Denver Community through Art and Medicine

DENVER, Co., August 3, 2017—Renaissance men Drew Sarka and John McLaughlin are setting aside their stethoscopes to showcase their remarkable skill with the paintbrush and camera, respectively. They will co-host the art show "Paints and Prints" on Saturday, August 12 from 5-9 p.m. at the historic Dos Chappell Bathhouse in Denver's Washington Park. Between the two artists, more than 30 original works will be showcased, with Sarka's work available for purchase.

"John and I are long-time professional colleagues and personal friends, and we thought it was the right time to team up and show our clientele, friends and family, that not only do we heal our patients, but we hope to provide a healing effect through our artwork" continue Sarka.

McLaughlin adds, "We see more and more medical professionals using the humanities like art to relax their patients, while humanizing themselves. By breaking down barriers and facilitating dialogue, it helps them better perform their job of healing."

"What's really interesting about this show is how each of us interprets the great outdoors using two different mediums, oil painting and photography," said Sarka. "Our different takes on Colorado's beauty reflect how the left and right hemispheres of the brain work together to create something people enjoy."

Guests will have the opportunity to hear first-hand Sarka's and McLaughlin's stories of inspiration and how their medical practice informs and influences their artistic approach. Sarka believes his ability to observe and listen to his patients is a transferrable skill he uses when identifying works worth painting. Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

For more information, visit drewarkapaints.com or RSVP at drew@drewsarkapaints.com.

About Drew Sarka

Drew Sarka, a family doctor at Aurora Family Practice Group, creates representational oil paintings that capture his life experiences and showcase the beauty of what Colorado has to offer. From majestic mountainscapes to delicate florals to playful children twirling on a tire swing, Sarka is known for translating genuine, honest experiences onto the canvas. His choice of color and placement of light, shadow and form bring out his signature textural composition. Drew's work has appeared in more than 35 art galleries and shows across the U.S. For more information, connect with him on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and at www.drewsarkapaints.com.

About John McLaughlin

For John McLaughlin, photography is a means of expressing his deep appreciation for the vast and extravagant beauty of nature. One of the defining moments of his childhood was an exotic excursion into the rainforest with his father—hunting boa and iguana, sleeping under the stars—and ever since, his love for nature has only grown, especially after moving to Colorado. Accompanied by his family on most trips, he embarks into the Rockies armed only with his trusty digital camera and, depending on the season, a fishing pole or pair of snowshoes. Under the wing of his dear friend and colleague, Drew Sarka, he has grown to the point that he is ready to share his art beyond the confines of his medical practice.