



# The Scribe

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## Rick Fravor - Blind-Sighted Brushwork

By Jeffrey Darah

Rick Fravor reached out to me and introduced me to the world of legally blind painting. While Rick cannot see very well, that hasn't stopped him from the joys of being an artist. He specializes in both acrylic landscape painting and digital art. Rick describes his art in his own words, "In addition to my digital art, I am also an acrylic landscape painter. My work often incorporates biblical themes, reflecting my strong Christian faith, and aims to inspire and uplift viewers."

Rick began painting on his own around seven years ago during the final semester of his Bachelor's program, and said one of his major inspirations was Bob Ross. This eventually lead to Rick developing his own style, which can be seen in his paintings. Despite any challenges he has faced, Rick has received a Bachelor of Arts in Digital Art, and has worked with print for many years.

Rick describes his process on how he paints a new work. "Typically I will make a quick sketch; whether that be in a sketchbook, on my iPad or just in the notes app on my phone. I can never seem to get an image out of my head until it is fully painted or at least fully detailed in a sketch. In fact, the majority of my paintings came directly from my imagination." His tools of choice are the Adobe suite of products and ProCreate on his iPad. Interestingly, Rick told us he doesn't utilize any special techniques to pain so well, instead he told us he simply gets close to the canvas to see what he's painting. No secret formula, he's just a natural!

If you are interested in meeting Rick or buying some of his art in person, he attends at least one art festival per year. This year he will be attending the Fallen Timbers Art Festival in November. Look for him in booth #26.

For those who may share similar challenges in life, Rick gives some helpful

advice: Just start! Nobody is perfect when trying to create or do something their first time. Don't worry so much about being perfect or nervous about how others perceive you. Just do it if you can, and you will get better in time. Starting out in the beginning is the hardest step, but after you get started, you can develop your own style. Rick is 100% correct, and to any emerging or struggling artist out there, remember to keep pursuing your artistic dream. Nobody else is as qualified as you are, to create your own distinct style.

He runs his own shop online where you can purchase either his digital art or one of his acrylic paintings. Rick is also running an ongoing GoFundMe for himself. If you find Rick's story to be inspiring and would like to support him, feel free to donate a bit of money. Or instead, if you would like to help him in another way, be sure to reach out to him over email.



Scan the above QR code to visit Rick's website and shop! ([www.blindbrush.art/shop](http://www.blindbrush.art/shop))

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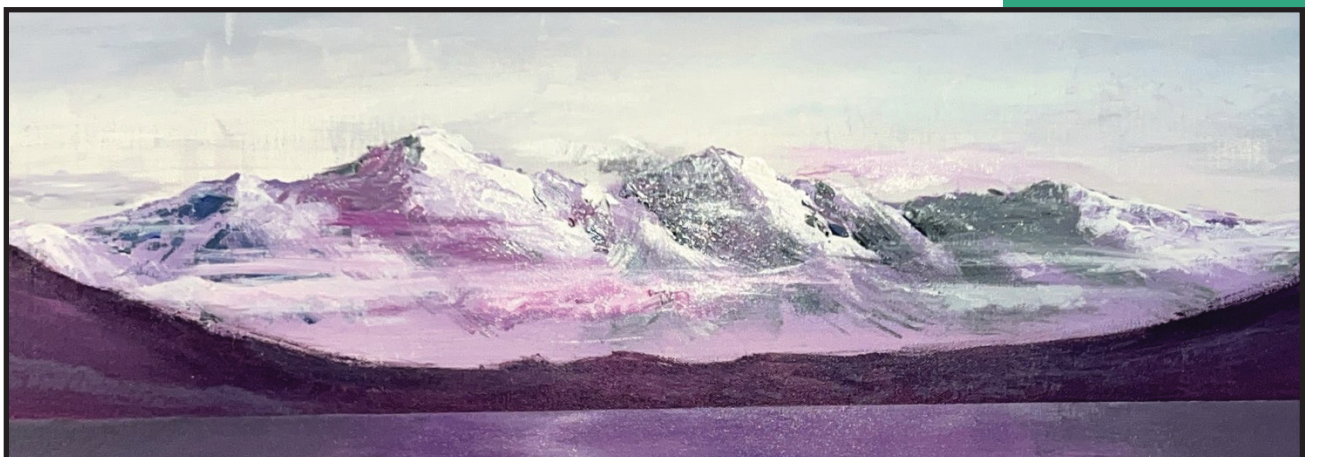
Rick Fravor, who is legally blind, next to his painting

*"Vision, sight, two very different, yet at the same time, similar words."*



Tranquil Cascade (Above)

Cruising Alaska (Below)



### WHO IS THOTH?

Have you ever heard of the Egyptian God Thoth before? Pronounced TH-oath, he is the Egyptian God of the Moon, wisdom, knowledge, writing, hieroglyphs, science, magic, art and judgment. He is usually likened to the Greek God Hermes, and the Roman God Mercury.

Thoth is usually depicted with a green bird for a head, known as an ibis. Most importantly, Thoth is known as Seshat's husband!

### FAN ART



Art by @Lunabunneh

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# JADAMS Custom Shoes

By Jeffrey Darah

Custom shoe artist Jefferi Adams runs "JADAM-SCUSTOMS" out of Toledo Ohio. An online custom shoe design service. Jefferi and I talked about his unique line of work and how he is able to make money in art. His custom shoes are one of a kind, and he prides himself on his careful attention to detail and creative designs. To order your own pair, check out Jefferi's website, listed in this interview, and also on the page 7 Marketplace. **When did you start doing these shoe designs? What inspired you?**

*I've been customizing shoes since 2017. I always had a talent for drawing. I've always had such love for shoes and one day I had the idea to start drawing on shoes so I googled it and a whole world opened up! People were already doing it.*

**How do you come up with your next design?**

*My ideas come after I have consolation with my clients. They generally give me an idea of what they want but leave the creativity to me.*

**How do you pick which shoe brand to use? Which brand is your favorite?**

*I can customize just about any kind of shoe but the most popular shoe I've gotten is the iconic Nike air force 1. I believe people prefer this shoe because of its availability and wide leather panel that gives me plenty of space to create.*

**How long does it take you from start to finish for one design?**

*I do have a two week turn around. These shoes are special wearable art and must be done right. Proper preparation is total necessity and takes time to assure the paint properly adheres to the shoe to prevent cracks. I may quote a two week period but most of the time the shoes are returned to the customer in about a weeks time.*

**Do you take commissions?**

*I do accept commissions and encourage people to visit my website (www.jadamscustoms.com) so people can read and review my Q & A page that may answer questions you may have. I would express to the reader my deep appreciation for art and how much I love all forms of art and it is my distinct pleaser to share the talent God blessed me with people all over the world.*

Get pricing, shipping, turnaround times, and more on Jefferi's website! Use the QR code below to jump to his site now for more info!



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# Indie Band Spotlight: Tree3

By Jeffrey Darah

This month's Indie Band Spotlight is dedicated to a duo called Tree3. I met this band at a local Perrysburg Farmer's Market. Each Thursday, they perform in the same spot, making it easy to catch them. Composed of well-known Toledo guitarist John Barile, and jazz vocalist Caroline McGuckin, Tree3 has certainly carved a path to recognition. Barile has shared the stage with a number of special guests, including: Jethro Tull, Santana, Allman Brothers, Keb mo, Hot tuna, Sam bush band, Foreigner, Widespread panic, Eka mouse, to name a few. Together, Tree3 opened for Scotty McCreery and played with numerous local artists.

I interviewed Caroline to learn more about the band and how it came to be. **How did you come up with Tree3? What does it mean?**

To sum it up, Tree(3) is the longest possible length of a sequence where patterns do not repeat. It is the largest finite number and no one knows how many digits it actually has. John and I are both into science and astronomy and thought it would make a

suitable band name. Another explanation we came up with over time, to shorten the explanation and meaning, is that the number three represents me, John, and the music. **How long has the band been together?**

Tree3 has been together since March 2023. We met through my voice coach, Sarah Buchanan, after she set us up to play Christmas tunes at the restaurant she manages, Barr's Public House. After, we quickly practiced and learned more songs together, eventually creating Tree3. One of our first big gigs was playing at the Village Idiot during the Acoustics for Autism event in 2023, which we also did this year.

**What genre(s) do you play mostly?**

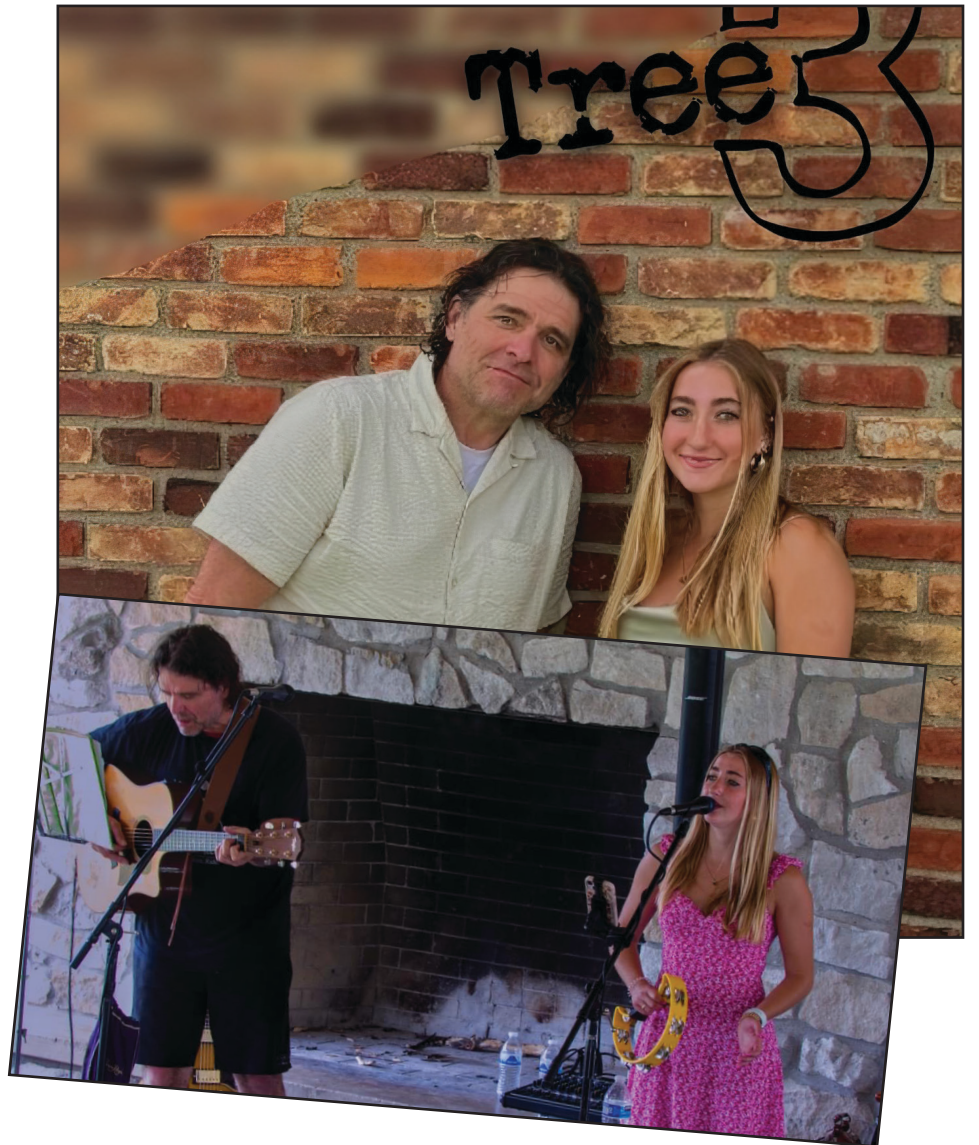
John and I play a variety of genres including jazz, rock, pop, country, and alternative. John's favorite genres to perform are classical music, such as Bach, and blue-grass. My favorite genres to perform are jazz and alternative rock. Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Amy Winehouse, and Laufey are my biggest inspirations. Tree3 often

covers songs by these women. **Are you performing anywhere in the near future that readers can attend?**

Yes, our website [tree3band.com](http://tree3band.com) will display our upcoming schedule, as well as our social media, which can also be found on our website. In August, Tree3 is at Charlie's restaurant in Maumee for brunch every Sunday from 10 to 1 pm. We are also at the Perrysburg Farmer's Market every Thursday in front of The Rose and Thistle. August 10th, we are looking forward to playing at the grand opening for Adventus Distillery. Lastly, on the 4th Saturday of every month we are at Te'kela in Sylvania.



To learn more about Tree3 and see where they are performing next, visit their website! [tree3band.com](http://tree3band.com)



# Emerging Artist: Mierra "Lunabunneh" Nelson

By Jeffrey Darah

Featured on the front page with fanart of the Egyptian Goddess Seshat, Lunabunneh is another Toledo artist who has a very distinct style. Mierra Nelson, who goes by "Lunabunneh" online, is a self-taught artist who was born in Detroit Michigan. Drawing inspiration from anime and video games, Mierra has created her own unique characters and artistic flair. Drawing was a therapeutic outlet for her during times of hardship.

Mierra's main set of characters are known as Foodiez and Drinkiez. By drawing personified characters of popular foods and also their brands, Mierra soon quickly created her own set of stylish characters. Personified characters range from candies, vegetables, fried chicken, gumbo, mac and cheese, to even specific brands, like Arizona Iced Tea. Mierra has nearly unlimited room to make more characters and continue to perfect her craft. It is worth noting that her art caters to teenagers and above.

Mierra's goal is to become an official toy maker. With her fun characters and created brand Foodiez, it feels like it is almost guaranteed to succeed. Her prototype is a

small, food-themed, dog plush named Tex, who is inspired by garlic bread. When she is able to launch her line of toys, you can be sure that you can buy one through *The Scribe*.

Mierra has been drawing for over ten years, and mainly works with digital art. She sells coloring books of her characters, commissions in her distinct style, magnets, keychains, and stickers! Mierra serves as an inspiration to aspiring artists in Toledo and beyond.

*The Scribe* commissioned some artwork of our mascot, Seshat, through Mierra. She was quick, creative, and fun to work with. Commissions range from \$35-\$50 for her "chibi" style of art, which you can see to the left, to \$85-\$120 for a full body drawing. There is also a mascot / brand option, where Mierra will help you design a mascot character for your business to use. These are not professional logos or business branding, as Mierra states.

This time I provided two QR codes, one for visiting Mierra's online store to buy Foodiez merch, and another to visit her Linktree page, which contains her social media pages, and her art commission form.



To order commissions and see the rest of Lunabunneh's social media, scan this QR.



To buy Lunabunneh's Foodiez products, use this QR!



An assortment of artwork and products available for purchase. "Tex" the plush, is coming soon!



# Sacred Steel Music and History Museum

By Jeffrey Darah

Sacred Strings Records Inc. was founded in 2009 by Del Ray and Kelli Grace to preserve the legacy of African American steel guitar players. It hosts an annual Sacred Strings Showcase Concert and established the Sacred Steel Music & History Museum in Toledo, OH. The organization, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, promotes and documents sacred steel music, an oral tradition passed down through generations without written manuscripts. They aim to protect this tradition from extinction by maintaining an extensive archive of recordings, interviews, and other materials.

The sacred steel tradition in Toledo began within the Church of the Living God, founded by Mary Lena Lewis Tate in 1903. In the 1940s, the Toledo congregation became a center for Hawaiian steel guitar music, producing notable musicians such as Clifford Warren and Angela Grace-Russell.

Troman Eason (1905-1949), a man from Philadelphia, PA is credited as the first musician to introduce the electric Hawaiian guitar into the House of God church around the 1930s. This distinct



musical instrument inspired many other musicians as Troman traveled alongside another musician known as Bishop Lockley and his ministry. This ministry was named Gospel Feast Party, and included another important steel guitarist Willie Claude Eason. Willie was remembered as “The Father of Sacred Steel Music.”

Willie became a consummate performer and church musician playing a tremendous role in the formative years of the Keith dominion steel guitar tradition. He is responsible for placing the steel guitar in a position of central importance for his church service. These are just one of many important men and women that kept this sacred tradition alive for so long. Just this year, the Sacred Steel Music & History Museum opened its doors in Toledo, Ohio. Now patrons may immerse themselves in the African American tradition of the Hawaiian steel guitar. Located in the historic Old West End, the museum features artifacts, biographies, and interviews showcasing 80 years of sacred steel music history. Also included is an archive with the largest repository

of sacred steel recordings. It also serves as a performing arts event center, named the Harmony House Performing Arts Center (HHMPA). Named after the founder’s first granddaughter, the HHMPA center focuses on wholesome entertainment that your family can enjoy. This includes, but is not limited to, poetry, comedy, or other verbal or musical arts. Available for rent are three guitars, a bass amp, keyboard, drum set, microphones, and a PA mixing board. In another corner of the museum is a spot dedicated to the Toledo Quartet Musical Association. Organized in 1950, the group’s rich legacy is preserved with photos, CDs, and albums from the group’s past. The museum even set up a touchscreen computer containing the full audio and video performances by the group,



sacredstrings.com

# Hannah Zimmerman Art

By Jeffrey Darah

Hannah Zimmerman is an artist and educator based in Cincinnati, Ohio. She earned her MFA from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and a BFA and BS in Art Education from Miami University. I found Hannah on Instagram, where I found myself enjoying her near endless amount of artwork.

“My work engages with internalized expectations of conventional feminine roles as I consider my life in comparison to the women in my family and others around me. Using interior spaces and the traditional genre of still life, I am navigating generational history and individual experience in an ongoing exploration of identity through the lens of home. Working with objects from my domestic environment, an ever-evolving collection of plants, and the inclusion of previous artworks, I am constructing a visual space that reflects a rich and meaningful life guided by female independence from the perspective of a single, childfree woman in her thirties.

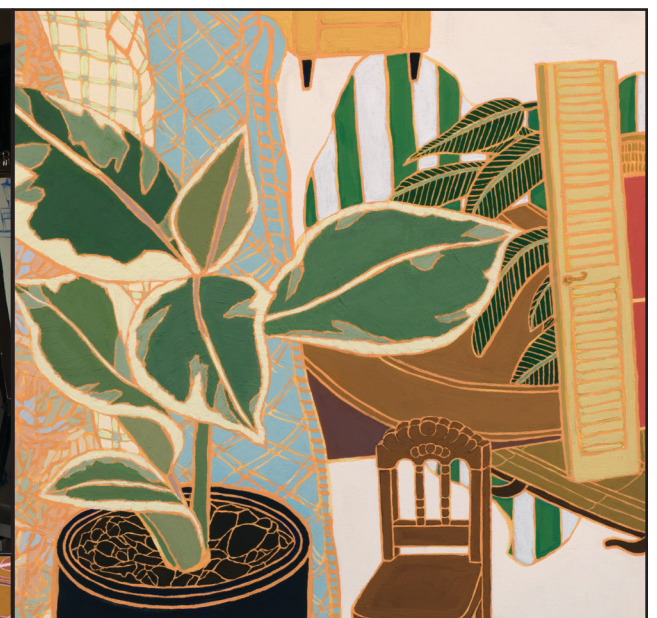
Throughout my work as a whole, I am processing and responding to political discourse (such as the right to bodily au-

tonomy), loss and loneliness, the emotional labor required of women in maintaining relationships, how I engage in alternative forms of caretaking, and my thoughts surrounding the concept of motherhood.”

Follow Hannah on her main social media below:  
Instagram: @hrzimmermanart  
TikTok: @maybedays\_studio



hrzimmerman.com





# Jillian Renee Art

By Jeffrey Darah

Jillian Renee Siefert, originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana, relocated to Ohio in 2011 after earning her BA in Psychology from the University of Dayton. Art has been an intrinsic part of her life since childhood, evolving from doodles in school notebooks to a profound expression of healing and connection.

Drawing inspiration from vibrant colors, playful compositions, and unique perspectives, Jillian's art celebrates the beauty of nature and the essence of home. She views art as a powerful healing modality, inviting viewers to experience the world through a childlike lens and embrace the full spectrum of life's colors.

Primarily working with water-soluble mediums, Jillian continually explores new techniques and mediums to expand her creative repertoire. Her artistic vision is rooted in creating work that heals, fosters community, and celebrates the inherent beauty of existence.

Specializing in creating small paintings ranging from 1" to 5", she believes that small-scale artwork possesses a unique intimacy, inviting viewers to pause and appreciate intricate details, much like we do when observing the world around us. These tiny treasures serve as reminders of home and cherished memories, celebrating life's precious moments. Through her art, she aims to inspire others to find joy in the beauty of each fleeting moment.

In addition to her unique paintings, Jillian also offers greeting cards and stickers, as well as 'Glicee Prints', which are accurate, yet cost-effective, reproductions of paintings. These are thoughtful additions to Jillian's goal of helping her viewers find joy and happiness!



Jillian Renee's Store



# Jamie Berilla Photography

We work with Ohio photographers to grow their audience and give them success!

As a great example of this, Jamie Berilla is using *The Scribe's* new Portfolio page feature.

Use the link below to view her work. Contact us now to have your work featured on our Portfolio page!

[thescribe.news/jberilla](https://thescribe.news/jberilla)



Jamie is now also available on the new artist app "Cara." [cara.app/jamiespictures](https://cara.app/jamiespictures)





# Notable Ohio Events for August

**Aug 10-25**



## Columbiana: Shaker Woods Festival

10 Acre-Large Event Featuring 200+ Craftsmen and Entertainment

**Aug 11th**



## Dayton: Art on the Commons Fine Arts and Crafts

100 Artists Hosted in a Beautiful Park Viewed by Thousands Annually



## Malvern: Great Trail Arts & Crafts Festival

Living History Event of Colonial America w/ Folk Art, Crafting, and Food

**Aug 30-Sep 1**



## Peninsula: Made in Ohio Art & Craft Festival

Ohio Art, Soap, Jewelry, Music Hosted by Hale Farm & Village Museum

## Toledo Events

**August 8th**

### The Michael Buble Experience

Dinner and Jazz Show, 5:30-10pm, Toledo Club

**August 9th-10th**

### Maumee Summer Fair

Arts and Crafts, Music, Food, 5pm-12am and 9am-12am respectively, near Municipal Building

**August 10th-11th**

### Wild About Art

Zoo Art Fair, Demonstrations and Entertainment, 9am-5pm and 9am-4pm respectively, Toledo Zoo

**August 10th**

### Exploring Lake Erie w/ Lynn Whitney

Lecture and Photos on Lake Erie, 1-4pm, Toledo Museum

**August 12th**

### Beth Lipman: ReGift Exhibit

Recreation of Antique West End House, Museum Hours, Toledo Museum

**August 14th**

### End of Summer Celebration

Kids' Games and Crafts, 2:30-4pm, West Toledo Library Auditorium

**August 17th**

### Sacred Strings Showcase

Steel Guitar Concert, 12-6pm, Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg

**August 17th**

### Strictly R&B Park Jam

Food Trucks and Live Performances, 5-11pm, Promenade Park

**August 24th**

### April Varner Performance

Jazz Performance, 7:15-10:30pm, Lucille's Jazz Lounge

## Columbus Events

**August 6th-9th**

### Summer Music Series

Free Orchestral Concerts, 7 and 8pm, Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens

**August 9th-10th**

### African Cultures and Arts Festival

Arts and Performances, 12pm-10pm and 10am-10pm, High Street

**August 10th-11th**

### Festival Latino

Latin American-themed Art and Performances, 11am-8pm, Genoa Park

**Aug 10th-Sept 28th**

### Grounded in the Natural World

Natural Art by Environmental Artists, Opening Reception 5:30-7:30pm, Ohio Craft Museum

**August 14th**

### 20th Century Times of the Avant-gard

Exploration of Diaghilev's Ballets Russes by Dr. Torija, 2-3pm, Museum of Arts

**August 14th-18th**

### The Columbus Comedy Festival

Comedy Experience Featuring over 100 Performers across 10 Venues

**Aug 15th-Sept 1st**

### An Iliad

Performance Retelling of Homer's Epic, 8pm, Schiller Park Amphitheatre

**August 17th**

### CBUS Soul Fest

Black Culture Music, 4-11pm, Genoa Park

**August 19th**

### Wexner Open House

Intro to the Wex w/ snacks, music, and art activities, 4pm, Wexner Center



# The Marketplace



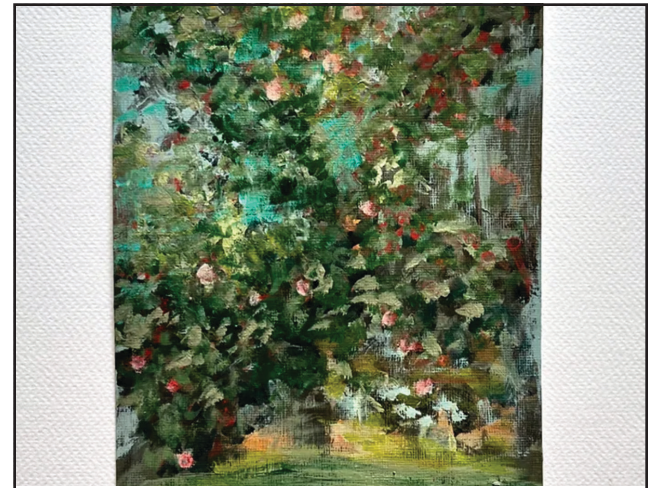
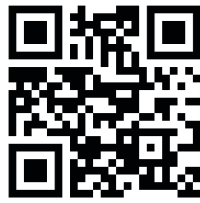
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**Custom Shoes Commissions - JADAMSCUSTOMS**  
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**"Peach Tree" by Abby Elise Baker**  
\$100

A wonderful acrylic painting by returning artist Abby Elise Baker (oiseau.co) This 6" x 9" painting comes on acrylic paper, and is sure to add some beauty and peace to your home!



**Foodiez Coloring Book**  
\$15

Foodiez are characters based off of food created to help you better yourself at cooking! They are all filled with amazing personalities and backstories. This book contains 40 pictures of the Foodiez just showing off their looks! From Collard Greens to Oreo Cheesecake these characters are here to bring some flava to your coloring!



**Foodiez Coloring Book Part 2**  
\$15

An extra installment in the Foodiez coloring book series. More Foodiez to color, now bigger and better! It features over 40 different coloring pages and activities. The book itself is about 90 pages thick.



**Sunny Side Up by Jillian Renee**  
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## Colleen's Story



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