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Impromptu
Abstract Work of
Andre Peraza & April Dippy

VILLA PARK, Illinois – August 2, 2017 – ***Impromptu***, the abstract paintings of contemporary emerging artists, April Dippy and Andre Peraza, will be on display at the Park Art Center (PAC), 9 East Park Blvd., Villa Park, IL from August 12th through August 31st 2017, with the **Opening Reception on Saturday, August 12th from 6 – 8 pm**. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 to 5:00 pm. **All events are free and open to the public.**

Impromptu is a joint exhibit showcasing the abstract acrylic paintings of two artists, Andre Peraza and April Dippy, both **members of Studios630**, a collaborative community of local artists, writers, photographers, and musicians, based primarily in the western suburbs of Chicago.

Peraza channels his energy and surges of creativity into artistic expression that takes many forms including acrylic paintings, mixed media, wood, pen and ink, found objects and sculpture. A graduate of the University of Illinois in Chicago with a B.A. in Art Design, he is at home in the world of abstract imagery as well as abstract thinking. Cuban born, Peraza is also a musician, Sound Healing Practitioner, Drum Circle Facilitator and Tarot Reader. “Most of my artwork deals with energy and the forces that move that energy. I explore spirituality and metaphysics through my abstract Soul Portrait series. I merge my musical background with the theme of life and death in the Rockin' Skullz digital print series. My latest body of work centers on social observations.” He has a [YouTube channel dedicated to his Soul Portrait](#) series.

Inspired by nature, as well as international travel and her time spent studying painting in Hong Kong, Dippy finds that each piece of her abstract art goes through multiple stages of building and taking away of layers of paint and other media, before molding them into unique entities. Raised in the Chicago area, April has participated in national and local exhibitions since graduating from Judson University in Elgin and is active in the Chicago and suburban art community, as well as a design business owner, [April Dippy Design](#).

About Park Art Center

The Park Art Center is a 501(c) 3 non-profit devoted to fostering the appreciation and expression of the arts among diverse audiences. We are a community-based organization dedicated to providing access to the arts for people of all ages and backgrounds through art education, exhibition, and collaborative projects.

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