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Art Exhibition: HOME  
Opening Date: 21 June, 2019  
Closing Date: 11 August, 2019



*When I think of HOME my mind goes in multiple directions. Home for many people is a place of safety and a place of serenity. It can be a physical enclosed space or a spiritual place, an area of calm found in nature or in the mind.*

*Home for many is also a memory – a place in the past that they hold in their hearts that guide them through life. A memory of the way things were, people that were loved, or of a place that no longer exists. -- Eric Anderson, Guest Juror*

**About the Exhibition:**

Opening Public Reception: 21 June, 2019; 19:00 to 21:00  
Closing Date: 11 August, 2019

“HOME” -- its more than just a house or a place. Home means different things to different people. What reminds us of home? What does home look like, smell like, feel like? As the city of Mitrovica welcomes the arrival of the Kosovo diaspora that return each summer, the KAE Gallery explores the ideas, memories, experiences, and expressions of what "home" means. This exhibition includes a variety of artworks from the following artists: **Leoneta Abdyli, Qamile Bajraktari, Eshref Berisha, Naska Gorani, Saranda Hyseni, Besjana Kryeziu** and **Halil Xhafa**.

**Guest Juror: Eric Anderson**

Eric Anderson is the Director of the Blanden Art Museum in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He is an alumnus of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and Minnesota State University – Mankato earning a BFA, MA, and MFA in Studio Arts. Since becoming director 3 years ago, his passion and enthusiasm for the visual arts has infused the community with renewed creative energy and appreciation. The language of the visual arts has provided him with an avenue to understand and communicate with the world. Over the years, this passion and understanding has allowed Eric opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of the creative spirit and humanity. He is a board member for the Iowa Museum Association and is sits on the governance committee.

Currently, he is bringing focus and awareness of the flourishing visual arts found in the Midwestern United States and is developing international connections using the visual arts. One of these international connections is a community art project through Iowa Sister States and the City of Fort Dodge.

In his spare time, Eric enjoys painting, sculpting and writing poetry. As a father of four, his spare time is in short supply, but he enjoys being a father, a husband, and living life to its fullest. He is currently working on several projects, which include a couple of new series of paintings.

**General Information**

The gallery is free and open to the public.

The Kosovo Art Exchange (“KAE”) is an NGO / non-profit arts organization and gallery that encourages and supports the development of national visual artists in Kosovo. The mission of KAE Gallery is to provide opportunities for young emerging visual artists, increase community awareness, appreciation, and support of Kosovo artists, particularly in Mitrovica.

The KAE Gallery is located in the center of Mitrovica, Kosovo on the Adem Jashari Square.

The KAE Gallery summer hours are:

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 - 6:00

Friday - Saturday: 11:00 - 8:00

Sunday: 1:00 - 6:00

Monday: Closed

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Visitors must be at least 12 years old or accompanied by an adult.

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