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The Public Arts Commission proudly announces the exhibition "Defending the Silver Lining" by emerging artist Senta Lauren at the Alerus Center, Grand Forks ND.

As a self-taught artist, Senta started painting for the first time in December of 2020 after spending many pandemic hours coloring with her children and discovered a passion for art. She paints with acrylic on canvas and prefers to paint in an impressionist style to capture the flow and energy of the subjects and often mimics Van Gogh's skies."

Her work is characterized by a naïve style in which traditional rules of proportion and perspective are not employed, it's recognized, and often imitated, for its childlike simplicity, frankness, and purpose.

Naïve Art came to prominence in the late nineteenth-century; Henri Rousseau [one of the first recognized naïve artists] exhibited his works alongside Seurat, Cezanne, and Senta's inspiration Vincent Van Gogh in Paris.

Senta turns away from tradition and embraces instinct, uninhibited raw creativity, and passion.

The exhibition opens August 12, 2021, at Alerus Center 1200 S 42nd St, Grand Forks, ND 58201

Opening Reception August 12^{th,} 4 – 6 pm!

PAC and Alerus Center want to inspire a socially connected and a civically engaged artistic community.



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