

CALENDAR OF ART EVENTS:

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 @ 4PM: PAINTING LIVE ON WSAZ (TO BE AUCTIONED @ DINNER ON APRIL 27)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 @ 6:00PM: EVENING WITH MICHAEL TOLLESON, SAVANT ARTIST; COCKTAILS, DINNER, AND LIVE PAINTING (TO BE AUCTIONED @ DINNER)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 @ 9AM-12PM: MARSHALL THEMED PAINTING LIVE TO BE RAFFLED ON RALLY DAY AT RITTER PARK, HUNTINGTON, WV (TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MULTIPLE RALLY EVENTS.)

The Michael Tolleson Art Events are sponsored by the 16th annual Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® and are one of several events commemorating autism awareness month. Paintings will be auctioned and raffled as indicated above.

Michael is also available to do commissioned paintings. Call 304-544-3085 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Funds raised from these events will go, in part, towards the creation of art activities for individuals with autism spectrum disorder in the local community. April is autism awareness month! To learn more, go to: www.rallyforautism.org.

Evening with Michael Tolleson, Savant Artist

Please join us:

Thursday, April 27, 2017

6:00pm Cocktails
7:00pm Dinner

The Medical Museum
(Downtown Huntington)
314 9th Street, 3rd Floor
Huntington, WV

Sponsored Tables
Seating 8 for \$500

Individual Seats for \$45

*Enjoy the music of the
Spectrum Quartet
throughout the evening.*

Announcing... The 2017 Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® Art Events



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For more information about the Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® art events and to reserve a table or a seat for *Evening with Michael Tolleson, Savant Artist*, please visit our website at www.rallyforautism.org or call 304-525-8014

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Painted live at last year's Rally for Autism®

About Michael Tolleson,
World-Renown Artist,
In His Own Words

“Examining my ability to paint; every stroke is instinctual since I have no training, and I rely on the use of the huge amount of stored information my Aspergers mind has observed and retained. Each painting I create, regardless of size, is painted in less than 1 hour. When photographed during the process of creating a finished piece of artwork, my hand appears as a blur due to the movement of my hand and quickness of the application of paint to the canvas. This is the genius of a mind with Aspergers.”

My art travels between two paths; one more realistic and the other more abstract and soul based. -Michael Tolleson



How does he do it?

“My process is very interesting. The use of a reference photo that I lay beside my easel, in many ways dictates what my autistic mind will perceive as the approach for the finished artwork. Each reference photo must speak to me and I must have an emotional connection to the subject, colors, of design placement of the photo. The actual process toward the finished piece can go in many directions, but ultimately my subconscious mind will take the photo and transform it into my own version of the subject in the photo.”



Michael Mentors the Youth

Michael's art has been shown in galleries in the following states:

-California -Idaho -North Dakota
-Texas -Washington

“The Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® is my most cherished event. The years of compassion and dedication that Huntington has devoted to the autism community leaves me in awe. Once again, I am honored to come to West Virginia to extend and share the gifts and light of autism.” -Michael Tolleson