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Art Notes for Feb. 22 through Feb. 28

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The Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia will present a multisensory installation of sculpture and sound by Vanessa German from Friday through July 7. The contemporary American artist, poet and activist is filling “sometimes. we. cannot. be. with. our. bodies.” with art of figures without heads, heads without bodies, found objects and ephemera.

German also will be in residence at UVa during March to work with students and community members in a variety of creative settings, including art projects, creative writing workshops and tours. The installation, which previously was presented at Pittsburgh’s Mattress Factory in 2017, addresses timely issues of violence, loss and inequality, especially in communities of color and the LGBTQ community.

Matthew McLendon, the Fralin’s J. Sanford Miller Family director, organized the installation for the Fralin.

“State of the Art,” a documentary scheduled to premiere on PBS in April, will feature German and her work. In December, she was recognized with the 2018 Don Tyson Prize, a major biennial award from Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

Starting Friday, the Fralin also will present “The Print Series in Bruegel’s Netherlands: Dutch and Flemish Works from the Permanent Collection.” Works by Peter Bruegel the Elder and other 16th- and 17th-century print designers explore the idea of looking at a succession of images to consider different social, religious and cosmological ideas. It’s a way to see how abstract ideas were presented in more familiar terms.

The seventh annual ArtFest in the West will show community members what students in Western Albemarle’s schools are creating these days and raise funds for all six schools’ arts programs. The event will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday in the cafeteria at Western Albemarle High School. More than 75 students in kindergarten through 12th grade will be presenting their paintings, photography and creative writing and presenting music, dance and theater performances. Performances are scheduled by Meriwether Lewis Elementary School students, Henley Middle School Jazz Band, WAHS Jazz Band, WAHS Choir and WAHS Orchestra, and the evening will end with a preview of “The Sound of Music,” WAHS’ upcoming spring musical.

There also will be hands-on arts and crafts projects and ceramics activities for children and families.

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The event, presented by Arts in Western Albemarle Education, is free. A silent auction and sales of foods from local restaurants will go toward a \$10,000 fundraising goal to support arts programming at Brownsville, Crozet, Meriwether Lewis and Murray elementary schools, plus Henley and Western.

Second Street Gallery will present “Creating Tiny Worlds” with artist-in-residence Jessica Burnam at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Participants will use found objects and a variety of media and techniques to create miniature universes.

Small boxes for the dioramas, plaster, paints and other supplies will be provided. The event is free, but tickets are required, so visit secondstreetgallery.org for details.

Second Street Gallery also will present a Studio Visit and Artist Talk with Stacey Evans and Guillermo X Ubilla from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at McGuffey Art Center.

The arts-focused happy hour will give visitors a chance to see the studios and learn more about Evans’ and Ubilla’s work. It’s part of the gallery’s “Inside the Artists’ Studio” exhibition.