

ENTERTAINMENT

'Performance painting' coming to Summit

Nationally known artist, Jonas Gerard, will be presenting a "Performance Painting" at Summit One Gallery at 4 p.m. on April 12 in the courtyard at "The Galleries."

He will create a new work set to lively music and contagious enthusiasm. As seen on ABC's 20/20 in January, Gerard loves to entertain. He has abounding energy. And that energy is infused into his canvases. His forceful, spontaneous manner and central core of energy are a lifeline for the artist. The splashes of color create a spirited canvas and composition not easily forgotten. Since the 1970s, it is this spirit, energy and consistency that brought him to the forefront of the national art scene.

Bringing to life the tradition of abstract expressionism, Ge-

ard emerged fifty years ago into the art scene with work, which has currently evolved into a mesmerizing explosion of color, contrast and movement. And like the great contemporary Masters; such as DeKooning, Pollock, Hoffman and Kline, Gerard has found his very own style of abstraction which is continuously growing and developing.

Watch him paint and see the 'trusting' in his intuition. While music plays in the background, he becomes absorbed in expressing what is in his heart with a gestural painting style that appears almost as a spontaneously choreographed dance. The strong rhythms and sounds of his music are instrumental in creating the daring space to transcend limitations and fears that may come up.

To the viewer, it may seem



Jonas Gerard, Wonder Occurring All Around

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that the painting is done by the music itself while the artist is simply holding the brush.

His work has been exhibited and collected nationally and internationally, in private and public collections.

"We the People", a bicentennial portrait of the United States, is included in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution.

A reception, open to all, will follow the "Performance Painting" at 5 p.m. This special pre-season exhibition of Jonas Gerard's New Works will continue through May 2.

Summit One Gallery is located in "The Galleries" on South Second Street, Highlands N.C. For more information, call (828) 526-2673, e-mail summitonegallery@verizon.net, or visit the Web site at www.summitonegallery.com