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New Visions to open Examined Life Exhibit

The Examined Life Exhibit, featuring work by Mike Carson, John R. Kolbek, Ka-Son Reeves, Kevin Schappert, Alison Schmidt, Megan Tucker, and Beth Tyrrell, will be open February 3 through 25 at New Visions Studio & Gallery, 201 Vine Street Scranton. The artist reception will be held on First Friday, February 3 from 5 to 10 p.m.

Alison Schmidt is an American Representational Fine Artist who graduated Summa Cum Laude with an [Associate's Degree](#) in Painting and Illustration in 2009 and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Studio Painting in 2011. She is currently preparing her portfolio for entry into the New York Academy of Art's MFA program. Since 2009, Alison has also been an Art Educator, providing private art lessons locally. Alison has exhibited in both solo and group shows and recently was published in Senza Respiro, [Fine Art](#) Magazine. Alison also participates in national and local competitions, winning the Marquis Art and Frame Award in 2008 and was voted "Best Visual Artist" in 2011 by both the Weekender and the Electric City Magazines. Her work is in both national and international collections, and Alison has also been commissioned to paint for a variety of clientele.

Megan Tucker is a currently earning her BA in Painting from Marywood University and recently studied abroad at [Studio Art Centers International](#) in Florence, Italy. She said, "I grew up greatly influenced by the [Impressionists](#) and the Post-Impressionists. Their fresh appeal, and thick buttery textures always sent me for a thrill that no other works could. So in my works I want to gain the same freshness, beauty and the unrealistic reality that boldly placed some of the artists as founders of the modern art movements. My body of my work (usually in oil) therefore is greatly influenced by light and color centered on landscapes as well as portraits of friends and family."

Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Ka-Son Reeves grew up cultivating his natural artistic ability by watching the creative processes of his father, a portrait artist, and his oldest brother, a local Graffiti artist. Having received no formal art training, they instead were his artistic teachers and technical advisors. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from the City University of New York with a [Bachelor of Science](#) degree in Communication Design. After years employed as a Graphic and Web Designer, he started IHNIGMUH LLC, a graphic design studio specializing in print and web design and development. Now revisiting his passion, he experiments and expresses himself as a painter using the acrylic medium. Over the past two years his artwork has been featured in numerous galleries in the Poconos and New York. He is director of ARTSPACE Gallery in Stroudsburg, PA.

John R. Kolbek's biography reads, "I am a fine artist specializing in Oils and ink. I have created highly detailed ink works including the world known "Forever 27" ink poster. I illustrated for the science fiction writer, L. Ron Hubbard, and countless bands such as Dog Fashion Disco, Hunab Ku, Tub Ring, Polkadot Cadaver, Circus of Dead Squirrels. I designed logos for Pop Cinema and other companies. Aside from illustrative work, I have had many [gallery shows](#) with countless special guests such as state Senator Lisa Baker and other artists including Ron English. I'm currently achieving my Masters in Fine arts."



This painting, by Ka-Son Reeves, will be on display at The Examined Life Exhibit, which also features work by Mike Carson, John R. Kolbek, Ka-Son Reeves, Kevin Schappert, Alison Schmidt, Megan Tucker, and Beth Tyrrell. The exhibit will be open February 3 through 25 at the New Visions Studio and Gallery, 201 Vine St., Scranton.

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