

PABO SHINE: OFFERINGS

Works inspired by flora and folklore of Puerto Rico

April 9 – August 14, 2016

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m. For Immediate Release: March 23, 2016

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In conjunction with two other shows opening in the area

HIGH FALLS, NY -- On **Saturday, April 9** Wired Gallery opens a solo exhibition of recent works by SUNY Ulster faculty **Pablo Shine** at Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty at 3656 Main St. in Stone Ridge, NY.

The opening reception from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. is sponsored by Stone Ridge Wine and Spirits and is held in conjunction with two other art openings presented by Wired Gallery: in High Falls, at Wired Gallery, The Shirt Factory Artists; and in Accord at Friends and Family 2 Hillside Restaurant, William Noonan Solo Show.

Pablo Shine's latest oils continue to explore the flora and folklore of his native Puerto Rico as well as the island's African heritage manifested in the music and spirituality brought by slaves during the age of colonization. His images of **elephants** depict one of the symbols for Obatalå, an African deity in the Lucumî religion. Several oils from the artist's "Spirits of Loiza" series pay tribute to the folkloric characters seen during summer celebrations in Loiza Aldea in Puerto Rico who wear brightly colored masks and costumes with bat-like wing reminiscent of harlequin from the commedia dell'arte.

About Pablo Shine

Pablo Shine was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico in 1961. He first studied painting under the direction of his father, Professor James Shine at the Art Student League in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In 1978 he became a member and co-founder of "Workshop 78", a nonprofit organization, directed by his father, to promote young talent in the field of visual arts in San Juan.

From 1980 to 1983 he furthered his studies in art history, painting and printmaking at the University of Puerto Rico and the Interamerican University in San Juan. During that time he also

exhibited his work in many art galleries and museums of the Island including the Ponce Art Museum, the Institute of Puertorrican Culture and Botello Gallery. In 1983 he continued his studies in art at SUNY New Paltz where he earned a Masters degree in Fine Arts in 1988.

Since 1983 he has had many exhibitions in the Hudson Valley area, NYC, Washington DC, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Gallery showings include Caiman Gallery(NYC), Ariel Gallery (NYC), Museum of Contemporary Hispanic Art (NYC) and Cueto Gallery in San Juan, just to name a few. Pablo's work is presently represented in the area by Wired Gallery in High Falls. His painting "Graceful Warrior" recently won the first prize award at Woodstock Artist Association & Museum.

Pablo teaches Drawing and Painting at Ulster County Community College where he has been a member of the Visual Arts faculty since 2000. He has taught drawing and/or painting at The Barrett House(Poughkeepsie), Marist College(Hyde Park), SUNY New Paltz, The Woodstock School Of Art and Dutchess Community College.

His work is in private collections in the Hudson Valley area, New York City, Los Angeles, London, Japan and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

<u>WIRED GALLERY</u> exhibits artists of the Mid-Hudson Valley with a particular focus on Ulster County artists.

Address: 11 Mohonk Road, High Falls, NY

Hours: Saturdays and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment at 682.564.5613.

Website: TheWiredGallery.com

Facebook: Facebook.com/wiredgallery

Wired Gallery Off-Site locations:

COLDWELL BANKER VILLAGE GREEN REALTY

Address: 3656 Main Street, Stone Ridge, NY

Hours: Monday - Saturday, 9am - 5pm; Sunday: 10am - 2pm

FRIENDS AND FAMILY II HILLSIDE RESTAURANT

Address: 4802 US-209, Accord, NY

Hours: Lunch Wednesday to Friday 12:00pm - 2:00pm; Dinner Wednesday to Monday begins at

4:30pm; Brunch on Sunday 10:30am - 2:00pm

MOXIE CUP

Address: 184 Main St, New Paltz, NY

Phone: (845) 255-2253 Hours: 8AM-8PM

Current Show: Katie Grove: Feather Portraits