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Payne Gallery's New Director *Robert Sparrow Jones*

Moravian University's Payne Gallery is entering an exciting new chapter and we invite you to be part of the celebration. Please join us in welcoming Robert Sparrow Jones, MFA, the new director of Payne Gallery, for an evening of art, conversation, and community.

Jones will share a selection of his recent paintings and offer a look into his past exhibitions and curatorial projects that have shaped his creative vision. This informal gathering is an opportunity to meet our new director, experience his work, and hear how he sees Payne Gallery continuing to grow as a space for storytelling, creativity, and connection.

About the Director

Robert Sparrow Jones is an artist, curator, and writer whose work explores memory, place, and the quiet psychological narratives embedded in everyday life. Working primarily in painting, he creates atmospheric interiors and landscapes that invite sustained looking and contemplation.

Jones recently joined Moravian University as Director of Payne Gallery, where he oversees the gallery's exhibitions, collections, and public programming. Prior to joining Moravian, he served as Senior Gallery Director at Penn State's HUB-Robeson Galleries, curating exhibitions that brought together emerging and established artists while fostering interdisciplinary dialogue across the university community.

He received an MFA from the Maryland Institute College of Art and a BFA in Painting from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. Early in his career, he served as painting assistant to artist Dale Chihuly in Seattle, an experience that deepened his understanding of large-scale studio practice and collaboration.

Alongside his visual practice, Jones is also a fiction writer whose work has appeared on shortlists and in literary publications. His artistic and curatorial practices share a common interest in storytelling, inviting viewers and readers to engage with ambiguity, memory, and the emotional resonance of place.

He lives and works in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

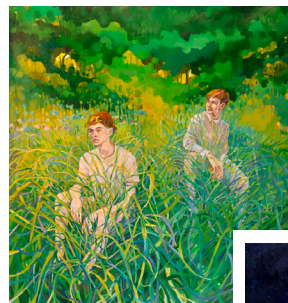
Event Details

Date: Thursday, September 24

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Location: Payne Gallery

Refreshments will be provided



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