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## AMSET Café Arts presents *Michael Lee: Finding My Way*

(Beaumont, TX; November 15, 2022) The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) will present *MICHAEL LEE: Finding My Way* on view November 17, 2022 – February 5, 2023 in AMSET's Café Arts series for local artists.

AMSET is proud to present the work of Michael Lee for the current fall Café Arts exhibition. Michael is returning for his second café show after eleven years. His first café exhibition, *Second Wind: Painting again after four decades of advertising and design*, was on view in the museum's café from August 11 to October 23, 2011.

Michael Lee was born in Port Arthur in 1946 and graduated from Bishop Byrne High School. He attended Lamar University, graduating in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commercial Art.

He worked as an art director for local ad agencies from 1969 to 1973, when he began his own design studio. In 1978, Michael and his wife Tanya opened Michael Lee Advertising & Design, Inc., a full-service ad agency. With 42 years of advertising and design experience, Michael has extensive knowledge of marketing, public relations, account service and creative direction. During his time as a designer and advertiser, he created the museum's current logo.

After a trip to France in 2003, Michael began to paint. His subject matter includes still-lives, landscapes and outdoor scenes. Michael primarily works in oil, creating medium to large scale paintings. He is inspired by French impressionists, including Monet and Pissarro, as well as American impressionist Childe Hassam, and the American illustrators Bernie Fuchs and Robert Heidel. He hopes that viewers will feel a sense of comfort when viewing his artworks.

The exhibition will be open for public viewing through February 5, 2023. A price list is available at the front desk or by contacting Caitlin Clay, Curator of Exhibitions, at cclay@amset.org. For more information please call (409) 832-3432 or visit amset.org.

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