

# News Release

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## **AMSET Café Arts presents *Andy Coughlan: A Crack in the World***

(Beaumont, TX; February 17, 2023) The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) is proud to present *ANDY COUGHLAN: A Crack in the World* on view through May 7, 2023 in AMSET's Café Arts series for local artists.

Andy is originally from Brighton, on the south coast of England, but moved to the Southeast Texas area when he married. He has a master's degree in English and also attended art college in England.

Andy keeps busy as the Director of Student Publications at Lamar University Press, President of the Press Club of Southeast Texas, and making his own artwork. He has contributed to the Beaumont Enterprise's arts features section for over 20 years and is constantly reading and writing about art, attending museums, and visiting galleries.

His new paintings on view have been in progress for several years, but Andy began working in earnest on it during the pandemic. The compositions draw inspiration from walking down public roads. Andy typically paints using acrylic, but also enjoys drawing. He loves lines and abstraction and would gladly spend the rest of his life with a pencil, brush and black ink in hand.

Andy believes art should "first and foremost, be visually appealing" and hopes that viewers see something new and beautiful in his compositions each time they view a piece. He specifically works in several layers of paint to not only create visual depth, but to also "encompass the layers of history, much of which we will never know, that led us to where and who we are [now]". He is excited to debut this new series to the Southeast Texas community.

An artist reception will take place on Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. For more information please call (409) 832-3432 or visit [amset.org](http://amset.org).

*Through unique collections, exhibitions, public programs and outreach in the visual arts, the mission of the Art Museum of Southeast Texas is to provide education, inspiration and creative vision throughout Southeast Texas.*

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