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AMSET Welcomes Local Artist Thomas Veillon for New Café Exhibition

(Beaumont, TX; August 1, 2024) The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) presents *THOMAS VEILLON: A Lasting Tradition* on view from August 1 – October 27, 2024 in AMSET's Café Arts series for local artists.

Born in Vidor, Veillon moved away from Southeast Texas for a decade before returning to Vidor four years ago. His love of art was fostered by his grandfather, who taught him perspective and color theory at a young age. Veillon would often sit and draw on the floor of his grandfather's painting studio when he was a child, as well as read books about woodblock illustrations. His love of art was rekindled while taking art classes at Texas State University, where Veillon was encouraged to seriously pursue painting.

While he is primarily a landscape painter who works in oils, Veillon has investigated a variety of mediums and subject matter over the years. This exhibition will feature acrylic paintings, since the medium dries quickly and allows for easily building up layers of texture and color. This series of works draws heavily from Aurignacian and Salutrean era cave paintings as well as literary, mythological and film references, narrating human history through present day. Veillon is fascinated by pictorial storytelling and the shared experiences of humankind across vast expanses of time. He hopes that his works will foster a similar interest in visitors.

An opening reception will take place on Friday, August 23, 2024, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the museum's café. This reception is free and open to the public. For more information, visit amset.org or call (409) 832-3432.

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AMSET is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.
Hours: M-F: 9am-5pm Sat.: 10am-5pm Sun: Noon-5pm
Admission: Free

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