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## **SAS Gallerie presents The “Shimmer” Exhibition by Shreveport Artist Ellen Soffer**

The colorful printings of Shreveport artist Ellen Soffer will be presented in the “Shimmer” Exhibition at the SAS Gallerie at the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlet Malll September 12 to November 12, 2024. The opening is September 12th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Ellen is a contemporary abstract painter. She creates paintings on canvas and paper, using mainly oils, but also gouache, acrylic and watercolor. Her paintings emphasize color and movement. She is the recipient of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council’s Visual Arts Fellowship and has been awarded several artist residencies, including Ragdale Foundation and Skowhegan, as well as selected for Studio Visit Magazine. Soffer earns her Master’s of Fine Arts from the Art Institute of Chicago and her Bachelor’s of Fine Art from the Philadelphia College of Art. She has exhibited throughout the Gulf South.

Her studio and art practice are essential in centering her attention, renewing energy, and engaging with herself and the formal processes of painting. She explores the repeating ideas about color, shape and mark-making. The color and its intensity are the driving factors. Working in paint’s nonverbal language, she begins to recognize figurative or associative elements as they emerge from the push an pull of gestural lines an overlapping forms. Content and meaning come afterward by carefully reflecting on how individual paintings relate to current and past bodies of work. Their correlations and narrative are not literal, and the spaces are deliberately ambiguous. Her intention is to capture the impressions and sensations left behind from dreams, emotions, or memories without being limited to the specific details of the events themselves, leaving room for viewer participation and interpretation.