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November Art Box Gallery Show and Reception The Art of Kate Strauss and Isabella Avila

Yuba City, CA. October 27, 2025 – It's that time of month once again for Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture to throw open the doors at its Sutter Theater Center for the Arts and welcome into its Art Box Gallery special guest artists to showcase their work. This month's free event is a double-header featuring the ceramics and stained-glass work of Kate Strauss and the photography of Isabella Avila. Come celebrate these artists and experience their varied, multi-disciplinary work. The show's opening reception will be held on Friday, November 7 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm in the Gallery at 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. In addition to a wide variety of thought-provoking art, this event features interesting people, great conversation, and free appetizers and drinks. The artists will talk about their work, how they got started and what inspires them to keep creating.

Kate Strauss knew she wanted to be an artist from a very young age. She has experience with many different art forms including collage, drawing, dance and fiber art. Kate has also studied film photography, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass and metalwork. Kate said, "My entire life has been marked by this drive to create and explore. I aim to weave storytelling into my work, and to find creative new ways to convey timeless lessons to others. Thus, my creative process is constantly evolving. Recent goals include creating more interpretive visual pieces, intended to evoke a spark of the sublime and invite the viewer to find ways to correlate my work with their own lived experiences." Kate added that she has a passion for mythology and interest in spirituality and the human psyche, and that her work is heavily inspired by the cycles of the natural world and the archetypes we find in ourselves. One of her goals is to bring ancient stories to life in a way that can enrich people's lives and help us understand our existence in this modern world.

Isabella Avila began her photography journey in 2017 focusing on a variety of subjects including nature. Her mother helped open her eyes to looking at things in a unique way and through a different lens. She has studied photography with George Unpingco at Yuba City High School who taught her photo editing techniques and how to use Photoshop. She has also studied the history of photography. Isabella said, "This exhibition opportunity has opened my mind and eyes to making photography my career and educational path."

The reception will also celebrate the work of three Gallery Anchor Artists. Emily Cordi loves to create from recycled and foraged materials. She is inspired by the wildlife, nature, agriculture, and countryside of the Sutter Buttes near her family's winery. Laurie Trent-Butsch creates jewelry from vintage china, and she also works with vintage silverware. She discovered a passion for working with unwanted, neglected silverware, bringing these pieces back to life as beautiful, wearable pieces of art that can convey stories of family and love. The resident master ceramics artist is a Navy Veteran and retired arts educator, Drew Sallee. Your purchase of a work of original art helps support the artists and Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. For additional information about this exhibition and the reception, contact Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture by email yubaustterarts.org.

About YSAC: Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance, and service to artists, organizations, and residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. The local affiliate for Yuba and Sutter of the California Arts Council, its programs

include Arts in Education, Veterans Initiatives in the Arts, Arts in Corrections, Very Special Arts Festival, Convergence Theater Company, Center Stage Productions, the Yuba Sutter Big Band, Yuba Sutter Youth Choir, and many more. **# End #**