arts council
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LOCAL SCULPTORS MATT MILLER AND NATHAN PIERCE ON DISPLAY

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO-- Friday, July 6, from 5 to 10 p.m., the Southeast Missouri Arts Council will be hosting a reception for nationally recognized sculptors Matt Miller and Nathan Pierce. The show will be on display until July 28, and features solo exhibits by both artists.

Matt Miller, a local artist and a member of the Visual Arts Cooperative, gained inspiration for his exhibit *Home*, after a difficult experience in his personal life. Miller's pieces utilize wood, steel, stone, photography, papier-mâché, cardboard and paint. Through the creation of his pieces, Miller has been forced to reconcile some challenging issues, but it has also helped give him some perspective. All proceeds from the sale of his pieces during the month of July in the Arts Council will be donated to "Hoops for Life", an organization dedicated to pediatric brain tumor research.

Nathan Pierce is also a sculptor based out of Cape Girardeau, MO. He specializes in large-scale pieces that use a variety of media but primarily include wood and metal. Pierce's exhibit, *Loss of Signal*, focuses on the issue of communication, and whether one succeeds or fails in communicating effectively with those around them. Through his exhibit, Pierce struggles to answer the question: How can we better communicate ourselves to the world? Viewing his pieces in person may cause you to ask some of the same questions about your life.

During the First Friday reception, beverages and other refreshments will be available for guests, courtesy of Major Brands.

Come join other arts patrons and supporters in welcoming Matt Miller and Nathan Pierce this Friday. The Visual Arts Cooperative will also debut new works in their gallery space at the Arts Council. The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. Galleries are open Tuesday- Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.