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Journey Through Art: City of Farmington Hills Announces Art Exhibit of Landscape Paintings, Photos of National Parks

A reception with artist Sukanya Ramakrishna will be held at City Hall on Nov. 8

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Nov. 4, 2024) — The City of Farmington Hills Special Services Cultural Arts Division is pleased to announce the opening of a new art exhibit at Farmington Hills City Hall, featuring the art of Sukanya Ramakrishna. The exhibit, featuring Ramakrishna's "Journey Collection" of paintings and photographs from travels to national and state parks, will be on display from Nov. 4 through Jan. 10, 2025.

The public is invited to an artist talk and opening reception on Friday, Nov. 8, from 6-8 p.m. at City Hall, located at 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road. Ramakrishna, a Novi resident whose art is also featured in the 2024-2025 Farmington Hills Public Art Program, will share more about the inspiration behind her landscape oil and acrylic paintings that capture nature's beauty.

"My art is inspired by my connection to my childhood home and village that I grew up in India," said Ramakrishna, who considers herself an outdoor enthusiast and adventure seeker. "I also get inspiration from the places I visit, trails I hiked and mountains I climbed."

Ramakrishna is one of more than 60 artists featured in the 2024/2025 Farmington Hills Public Art Program, which was established in 2010, and features a diverse and eclectic mix of works created by artists ranging from raw talents, fresh out of College for Creative Studies to seasoned professionals skilled in the Impressionist style. The works on display feature a variety of media, including clay, metal, fiber, paint and photography, with subjects ranging from very contemporary to traditional. Ramakrishna's solo exhibit not only highlights her artistic talents, but also supports the program's goal of enriching the community through the arts.

The City of Farmington Hills has the largest dedicated municipal Cultural Arts Division in the State of Michigan. The Division coordinates arts programming for the community, including classes, events, and activities in visual and performing arts, and year-round performances at The Hawk Theatre, to expose diverse populations to the arts. The City's Cultural Arts Division also works to empower makers of all ages and abilities in The Hawk Makerspace, an immersive facility that allows makers to access a variety of state-of-the art tools and equipment, as well as a creative community with a wealth of resources and knowledge, to grow a new hobby or skill, from sewing to woodworking.

Visitors can view the exhibit during City Hall's regular hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Most of the artwork on display is available for purchase, offering an excellent

opportunity for art enthusiasts to acquire unique pieces while supporting local talent. For more information about the exhibit or to inquire about purchasing the art, please contact the City's Cultural Arts Division at 248-699-6709.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest and most diverse communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, 245,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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