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Long Beach Island, New Jersey

***“To And From”***

***Terence Smith***

Curated by Burke Art Advisory

Ann Coen Gallery presents, in conjunction with Burke Art Advisory, a solo exhibition of artwork by Terence Smith. The show opens on May 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through May 17<sup>th</sup> with an opening reception on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. with live music by Funk Shway.

Terence Smith (born 1987) is a local artist, surfer and the co-owner of Garden State Surf and Art. While he received his B.A. from Montclair State University in 2011 with a concentration in Fine Arts Education, he is primarily self-taught in drawing and painting. Terence’s subject matter is inspired by his appreciation for local lore and his passion for surf. The majority of the work in this exhibit consists of meticulously rendered nontraditional portraits and landscapes that hearken a love of solitude. The exhibit will also include handmade wooden surfboards, inspired by Smith’s travels and experiences with the sea.

His incredible discipline and talent caught the eye of Art Advisor/Curator, Elizabeth Burke Beaty ([www.BurkeArtAdvisory.com](http://www.BurkeArtAdvisory.com)), in June of 2014. Elizabeth has a 20-plus year proven track record of success for finding and nurturing talent of the contemporary art world in Manhattan. In her words, “I saw Terence’s work and was sure I found raw, unharnessed, undeniable talent. After speaking to him, it became clear that he is not only passionate about creating his work but he was equally disciplined with his talent and ready to be championed by someone who cares.” Since then Burke and Smith have been meeting every month in preparation for this exhibit. Both agree that there is nowhere else they’d rather debut Terence’s work than at Ann Coen Gallery.

All works will be for sale, and it will be an opportunity to meet the up-and-coming artists.

The evening will include the sounds of Funk Schway, a six-piece playing their patented originals of Beach Haven surf rock and funk reggae tunes.

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**About the Ann Coen Gallery:** The Ann Coen Gallery in Surf City, New Jersey, opened for summer 2014 as a result of years of dreaming and planning to provide an amazing creative space on LBI. As the new home of Ann Coen Photography, it continues to be a place where families and couples can consult to discuss capturing the moments of their lives, but is also a forward-thinking gallery, hosting art shows and events throughout the year.

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