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The

NOMADIC
PROJECT

Tour Beginning
**October
2007**



Experience America Through Art

**AWARD WINNING WORK BY
KRISTIN ABRAHAM & ALFONSO LLAMAS**

NATIONAL EXHIBITION
FOR VENUES AND TOUR DATES VISIT
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We are excited to bring an exciting exhibition of art, music and film to your community!

The Nomadic Project Exhibit

The Nomadic Project exhibition is a journey of art, film and music that unleashes the creative inspiration within America in the wake of a controversial war. It is designed to encourage people of all ages to experience life beyond limitation. Art becomes the catalyst for renewing interest in history, physical exploration and community involvement.

People of every nationality and background have found inspiration, life and defeat within American borders, and The Nomadic Project examines what they left behind. The diverse make up of the nation is revealed, and those exposed are left to meditate on its relevance in every day life.

"I was really touched that this project was a dream of this couple and I wanted to be part of it!"

Kelly Hutchinson owner of Kelly's Art & Frame. Alexandria. VA

>>> Objectives of the Exhibit

- To promote arts and culture
- To promote community involvement
- To promote travel destinations across America
- To promote educational exposure to historical events
- To promote physical exploration of the land



THE NOMADIC PROJECT:

Experience America Through Art

BACKGROUND:

When two artists became discouraged by a nation divided by war, politics, race and religion, they decided that the key to appreciating America was in experiencing the land. Their preconceived notions were destroyed, and The Nomadic Project was born.

To achieve their goal of exploring each state, artist Kristin Abraham and musician, Alfonso Llamas had to escape the confines of conventional society. They quit their day jobs, sold all material possessions, (including their home) and became nomads. Their new home/office became a converted Honda Element, in which they lived for thirteen months.

Every week, the husband and wife team visited a new state. Abraham illustrated her immediate response to each state on canvas, while Llamas, recorded music and video documentary. They shared their experiences with local communities, speaking with countless galleries and two elementary schools along the way.

To unite their journey, they recruited one gallery, museum, or art center in each state to participate. Each venue displayed a painting that was inspired by a neighboring state. The objective to stimulate discussion, blur the state borders, and unite the country was achieved. From December 20th-30th of 2006, all fifty states were displaying one of Abraham's canvases, connecting the entire country through art.

Finally, the paintings, music, and video are displayed together, in a traveling exhibition titled "Experience America Through Art." The work delves into historical, controversial, and physical beauty found within this unique nation. Communities are able to experience a new view of America, and discover that the America's unity lies in celebrating its diversities.

FACTS:

- Left from Florida on November 13th, 2005- returned December 20th, 2006
- Self-funded \$33,430 (from selling belongings and art sales)
- Traveled 62,218 miles
- Budgeted \$10/day (for two people) for food
- Visited 187 National parks/forests/monuments
- Stayed in a hotel once or twice a week to rejuvenate
- 268 nights of camping
- Exhibit begins October 2007 (for updated schedule, visit TheNomadicProject.com)
- Each original painting is for sale at \$1300 (prints and albums also available)
- All poster print sales go towards benefiting a charity in each venue's community
- Exhibit displays 50 paintings (one from each state), music, film and journal entries (the Element will be at each opening, set up in the manner it was lived out of)
- Llamas will be available to perform live at local venues during each exhibit
- Abraham and Llamas are available for signings, assemblies and artist presentations along the exhibit route



ABOUT THE ARTISTS



Kristin Abraham & Alfonso Llamas standing with their modified "home"

Kristin Abraham – Visual Artist

Kristin Abraham is an award-winning artist from Rochester, New York. She moved to southwest Florida in 2001, and taught K-12 art at Florida Christian Institute, for two years. Self taught, and only twenty-four, Abraham's work has been published in the "Best Of Florida" book, which is part of the Kennedy Promotions "Best Of" series. She's been recognized by the state of Florida, with an Artist's Achievement Grant, and in 2007, received an award from the National Society of Arts and Letters.

Abraham's work has been exhibited nation-wide. Her paintings return to traditional use of symbolism and storytelling. They are somewhat surrealistic in nature, while focusing on serious issues of life found throughout history. She often experiments with strong contrasts and bright colors to add a playful feel to the painting's more serious meaning.

Alfonso Llamas – Musician

An autodidactic musician by nature, Llamas learned to play entirely by ear. Early inspirations were *Bob Dylan*, *Jimi Hendrix* and *CCR*. He formed his first band, coined *SX3*, in Naples, Florida; where he had been born and raised. Llamas then became the lead guitarist for *Penny Arcade* and played bass guitar for *Finding Away*, on the side.

When Llamas set off for life on the road, he was compelled to find an unconventional outlet for his talent. He began recording solo, and developed a style, which is best described as an amalgam of rock and classical. Llamas' work focuses on poetic melodies, some of which is composed without lyrics. His most recent project is an album, which documents his thirteen-month journey to all fifty states. This is to be released in October of 2007 to coincide with a nation-wide tour of The Nomadic Project.



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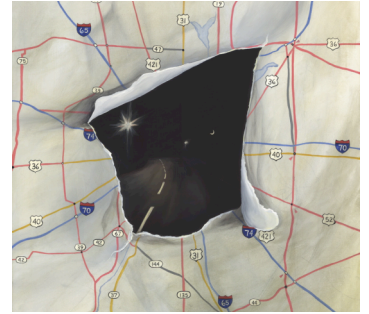
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Artists Create in All Fifty States

Fifty states are illustrated on canvas in an exhibit that was created across America. Two artists recruit the participation of fifty galleries for a concept that spanned the nation. They call it The Nomadic Project, and prepare to share the journey with the nation.

The Nomadic Project is an exhibition of art, film and music that expresses the creative inspiration found within America. Each painting was originally displayed separately in one of the fifty states. Now, they come together as part of a touring exhibition. Award-winning artist, Kristin Abraham and musician Alfonso Llamas created the work over a thirteen month trek across the nation. Abraham worked on canvas, while Llamas recorded through film and music. Their adventures can be viewed at TheNomadicProject.com, while the exhibit also allows viewers to explore their journal entries, maps and letters.

In the wake of a controversial war, Abraham and Llamas felt compelled to search for America's roots. They sold their home and possessions to fund a dream of exploration. They then modified their Honda Element with a platform bed and small refrigerator, and lived and worked on the road for over a year. "They sold everything and hit the road - you've got to admire that," exclaims Deb Klebanoff, executive director of the Sioux Empire Arts Council, Sioux Falls, SD.

The paintings are loaded with symbolism, and historical reference. Each composition came about after exploring a state for a week. Abraham then illustrated her experience onto canvas and displayed it in a gallery, museum or art center in the next state entered. Abraham explains that the purpose of sharing this exhibit is to educate, and inspire others to live without boundaries.

The show tours from October of 2007 until December of 2009 to galleries, museums, and art centers across the America. For more information and current exhibit dates, visit TheNomadicProject.com.

