

# Ouch! That smARTS!

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## **Ouch! That smARTS! to Benefit Bexar County Democrats**

**WHAT:** Ouch! That smARTS! will showcase over 80 digitally created, parody portraits by local artist Michelle Wilby Friesenhahn to support campaign efforts for Democratic candidates in the November midterm election.

The images are all digital multimedia paintings, using collage, photography, and digital paint techniques printed on white archival paper, and featuring prominent members of the Republican Party and their associates. All proceeds will directly benefit the Bexar County Democrats organization; tickets are \$20 presale through October 11, 2022, and \$30 at the door.

**WHY:** The new series initially was originated as a personal project by Wilby Friesenhahn to help process the events of and following the January 6th attack on the Capitol. However, with encouragement from colleagues and friends, she realized there was an opportunity to both inform and boost support for Democratic candidates through an organized public show. “This essentially is a form of therapeutic protest through my art that combines satire and humor to potentially lighten what is clearly a dark time. Art is supposed to provoke thought and conversation, and at the very least I hope these portraits spotlight concerns about our democracy and those individuals who are actively tearing it down. These digital paintings are my interpretation of each individual’s image, but also depict what I believe to be their true character. We need to associate a name with a face, so we can immediately know who these people are and what they represent for our country’s future.”

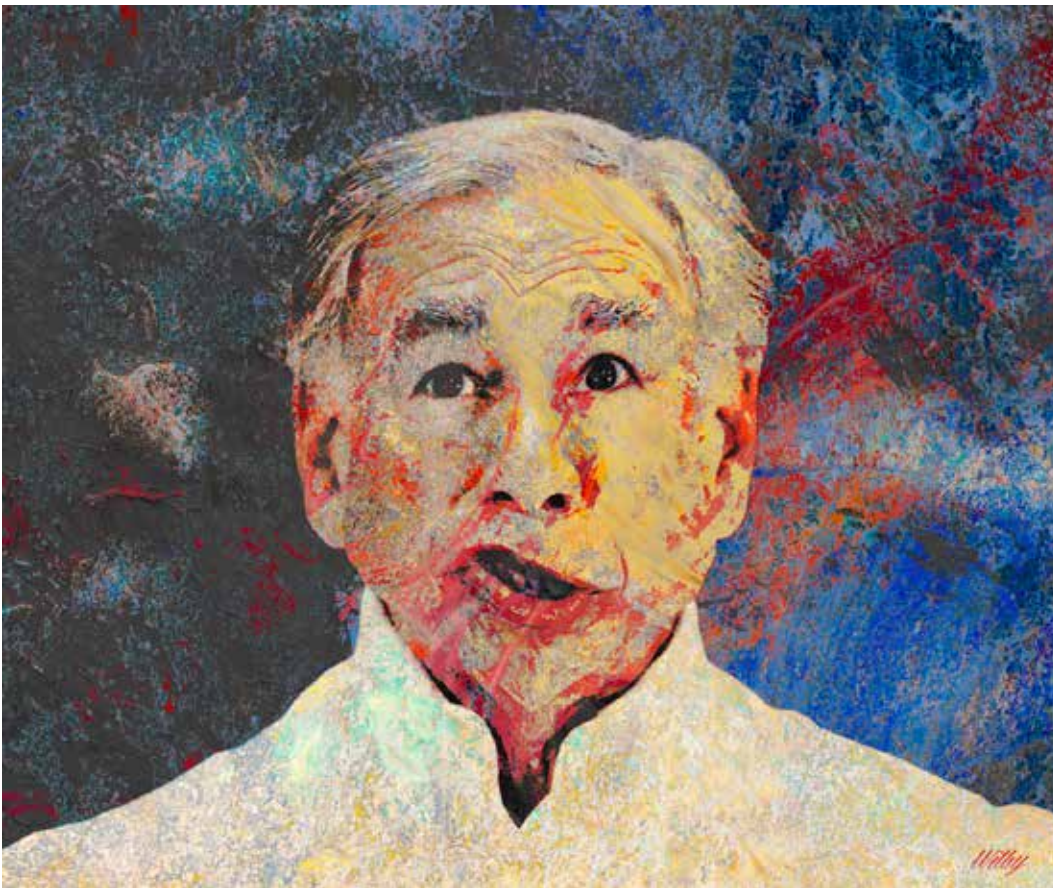
### **About the artist:**

Michelle Wilby Friesenhahn has been an illustrator and graphic designer for more than 30 years and the recipient of numerous industry awards. A founding member of Communications Arts of San Antonio and past board member of the American Institute of Graphic Designers, her work in editorial design and illustration have appeared in publications including Advertising Age and Harvard Business Review. Wilby Friesenhahn has facilitated a wide range of creative projects for numerous clients in multiple industries, ranging from brand identity packages, print, and collateral pieces to digital, web, and trade show exhibits.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022 | 6 to 9 pm

**WHERE:** Brick  
108 Blue Star, San Antonio, Texas 78204 | Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar

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**Greg Abbott** – Governor of Texas. Ardent supporter of the NRA. Botched the Uvalde mass shooting response. Sending busloads of immigrants to NYC & Chicago. Anti-abortion, anti-LGBT. Wants vigilantes (or neighbors) to turn in women & their physicians for attempting an abortion. Also wants Texas to secede. Fears BETO.

**Ted “Turd” “Fled” Cruz** – US Senator, TX – Coup participant & Trump toady. Immigrant from Canada, previously from Cuba. Ardent supporter & spokesperson for NRA. Insists that eliminating doors will stop the mass murders. Trump claimed that Cruz was a Bible-thumping cheater, that his father was involved in the assassination of JFK, and that his wife is ugly. Fled Texas to Cancun during a state-wide energy outage crisis...Left his little dog in the freezing cold, at home, but blamed his daughters for the family going AWOL during the crisis. He was considered a complete dork in college.



THIS EVENT  
WILL BE  
WILD!



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**Parody Portraits of The Trump Crime Family  
& Assorted MAGAts.**

by Michelle Wilby Friesenhahn

An Art Show & Sale to benefit

**THE BEXAR COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

from 6pm to 9pm

@ The BRICK in the Blue Star Arts Complex

Hors D'oeuvres / Cash bar

Comfortable dress (whatever)

\$20. Tickets available pre-event online or \$30 at the door.

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