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Under the curatorship of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, local artist Ellen Soffer is displaying ten pieces of her work in the Mayor's Office in the Reception area, located at 505 Travis Street Suite 200 in downtown Shreveport. Soffer uses beautiful, bold, bright colors of red, blue, yellow, purple, pink, white, and green in the abstracts, which are done in oil. Of her work, she says that she creates intuitively, not always knowing how a piece will come together but certain that color and its intensity will be driving forces.

Kelly McDade, Professor of Arts & Humanities at Bossier Parish Community College, and curator for Soffer's "Pink Sky," describes Soffer's work as intuitive and very analytical. McDade says, "When I look at her paintings, while they have a sense of spontaneity and freedom within them, I can tell that nothing is haphazard—every brush stroke and color combination is strategic, which ultimately requires that the viewer engages in a 'conversation' with her work."

Soffer earned her MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and her BFA from the Philadelphia College of Art. She is a recipient of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council's Visual Arts Fellowship and has been awarded residencies from the Ragdale Foundation and Skowhegan. Soffer has had solo exhibitions in Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Texas, and Georgia and has been featured in numerous group exhibitions, including Mary Tomás Gallery in Dallas, the Longview Museum of Fine Arts, and many other venues.

The exhibition will be displayed until July 15, 2023. See attached photographic's of artwork.

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