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Main ST Station, oil on wood, 20 x 20

**Joanna Tyka: Cityscapes RVA**  
**October 14, 2021 – December 31, 2021**

**RICHMOND, VA (September 8, 2021)** — In her bold, signature style, internationally recognized artist, Joanna Tyka explores the architecture of Richmond, Virginia in a series of cityscapes at The Branch Museum of Architecture and Design, on view from October 14 through December 31, 2021. From the pre-Civil War houses that line the streets of Jackson Ward to the gas-lit cobblestone streets and period architecture in Church Hill, Tyka's use of color changes based on the climate of the place where she is creating resulting in a distinct reflection and modern look at the city as it stands today.

“I've been passionate about the subject of cityscapes since my student days at the Academy of Fine Arts in Poland. Plein-Air one-month sessions were obligatory credits at the Academy during the Summer. We would spend one month painting in small towns along the Mazury Region.

Since those days I've lived in Hamburg, Germany; Mallorca, Spain; Miami, FL; and Richmond, VA. I've visited fascinating places in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Buenos Aires, Tel Aviv, Petra, Amman,

Macau and many others. With camera at my side, always documenting the impressive, beautiful architecture and happy memories.

Those places have always stayed in my mind, and I've transposed those happy memories captured in my photos to the canvas through my brush. To express through my brush – the joy, trust, and love through my mental perspective, creatively.

I've always alternated using different parts of my brain when painting cityscapes and abstracts, but even if the subject is different, I try to create the same joy, vibrant movement and happiness".

Tyka grew up in Poland and studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, graduating with special honors. Her work has been shown at the Zacheta Museum in Poland and the ART Expo in New York and Los Angeles. Currently, Tyka lives and paints in Richmond, Virginia. Her landscape RICHMOND SERIES of 2010-2013 was purchased by the Senate of Virginia for its permanent collection.

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