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A public opening reception will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Gallery.

Each of the artists included in the “It Came From Left Field” exhibition include an element of the absurd and bizarre in their work. Harry Melroy uses vibrant colors and scenes from the Midwest mixed with extra-terrestrials to achieve bizarre encounters in his pieces. Herbert Rieth uses the element of absurd, prompting the viewer to look at themselves through presented narratives and quirky characters. Music and comic book culture appear in Jayson Triplett’s work, and is described to act as, “A swamp boogie missile against an ever expanding greed machine.”

Melroy is from Ohio and received a bachelor’s degree from Ohio Northern University and a master of fine arts degree in painting from Northern Illinois University. Melroy teaches in the Mohawk school district and has been an instructor at Tiffin University and the University of Findlay. Rieth and Triplett are both from Mississippi. Rieth attained his bachelor in fine arts degree in 2001 from Indiana University Southeast. He later attended the University of Cincinnati where he completed his master in fine arts degree in 2004. Rieth is an instructor of art at Mississippi State University. Triplett holds a bachelor’s degree and is completing his master in fine arts degree in mixed media studies at Mississippi State University.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

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