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## **“Intertwined” Photography by Stephen Spartana**

**Opens July 1 at Himmelfarb Gallery, Maryland University of Integrative Health**

*LAUREL, MD* – “Intertwined” features photography by Baltimore artist Stephen Spartana and opens Saturday, July 1, 2017, in the Himmelfarb Gallery at Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH). A reception for the artist will be held in September.

In this series Spartana creates dreamlike landscapes by combining the human form with multiple organic elements. It continues a concept from his earlier study, “Human-Nature,” which explored the interplay of black and white forms overlaid with details of flowers. Here, he expands the use of natural elements to include landscapes and details of nature during times of growth and decay.

Spartana says they are “like the strata of memories. The mirrored surface of water reflects skylight into a hidden hollow, revealing something new, yet familiar. The patterns of leaves or sedimentary rocks naturally suggest intricate tattoos. These compositional layers of elements give the viewer reason to look closer, to see beneath the surface. The interplay between the human form, organic elements, and the landscape create incredible beauty for me, as they are intertwined on earth, coexisting as one. We are of the earth, and how we treat our environment affects all of us.”

Artwork from the exhibit will be on sale through the Meeting Point bookstore, which is adjacent to the gallery. Visit the Himmelfarb Gallery online at <http://www.muih.edu/campus-community/about-campus/himmelfarb-gallery>.

**What:** “Intertwined” Photography by Stephen Spartana

**When:** July 1 – September 30, 2017

**Where:** Himmelfarb Gallery, Maryland University of Integrative Health  
7750 Montpelier Rd., Laurel, MD 20723

**Gallery Hours:** Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### **About Stephen Spartana**

Stephen is a photographer with a successful commercial career, having won numerous Council for the Advancement of Secondary Education (CASE) awards. He has recently returned to his first love of fine art photography creating images for personal satisfaction and artistic growth. Now that his daughters have gone to college, he can again focus on his art. His interest in combining nature with the human form began in the 1980s and was exhibited in “Human-Nature” at the Gomez Gallery in 1992. More recently he’s exhibited at the Laughing Pint in Baltimore. He holds a BFA in photography from Maryland Institute College of Art. You can also see Spartana’s work at <http://photography.spartana.com/index>

### **About Maryland University of Integrative Health**

Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH) educates practitioners and leaders in health and wellness through transformative and relationship-centered programs that integrate ancient wisdom and contemporary science. MUIH offers graduate degrees and certificates in a wide range of wellness fields, as well as programs for professional and personal development. The on-campus Natural Care Center offers compassionate and affordable healthcare from student interns and professional practitioners, delivering more than 35,000 clinical treatments a year.

### **About the Himmelfarb Gallery**

The lobby of MUIH’s main campus building serves as the gallery space and features four exhibits each year that focus on some aspect of healing, wellness, or nature. Since opening in April 2003, the gallery has displayed paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, fabrics, and artist-made paper. For more information, please visit [www.muih.edu](http://www.muih.edu).

High-resolution images are available upon request.

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